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THE
SECOND PART
OF THE RENOWNED
Historie of *Fragosa* King
of *Aragon*.

Together with the strange fortunes and
heroycall deedes performed by his three
Sonnes, and the worthy president of
Loue in his faire daughter
F L E R M I A.

Right pleasant for the aged to drive away Melan-
choly thoughts, and profitable for the young
to behold the often variacions
of the fickle World.

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Renowned Historie of the Children of *Fragosa*,
entituled, the Mirrour of Magnanimity,
and *Cupids* conquest.

CHAP. I.

Of the sorrow that was made by the Queene and her Ladies, when they heard of the imprisonment of *sa* *Albina* and *Dorosa*: also the letters that *Albina* sent to the false accuser *Mordeno*, and to *Dorosa*, beeing in the Dungeon: with other things that happened.



Sooner were the Messengers returned, and the tydings of *Albinaes* imprisonment blazed abroad in the Court, and come vnto the *Queenes* eare, but she surprised with an extreme sorrow, fell into a swoond, all supposing shee had bene dead: this caused such a quaking feare among the Ladies, that there was nothing seene in all the Palace but weeping and sad lamentations, some mourning for *Albina*, others grœuing for the

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Quenes extremitie, and all sorrowing for the offence
 which they imagined Dorosa had committed. The
 Quene at length being come to her selfe, and not able to
 conteale her anguish, with an extreame sigh, breathed
 forth these complaints: Ay my Ladies, why did you not
 suffer me quietly to depart, rather then to live in this
 Ocean of unsupportable passions: for what pleasure can
 remaine to me in life, seeing I am deprived of her which
 was the onely ioy and comfort of mine age: Ah my lovely
 daughter Albina, the hope of whom was the onely sup-
 porter of my silver haire, happy had I bene if I had di-
 ed in thy child bed, or thou perished in thy birth, and well
 may I wish, that the day of thy natiuitie had bene the
 terme of thy life. Alas, must my greatest blisse prove my
 greatest bale, my chiefest delight prove my deepest discon-
 tent, and the disgrace of my family with griefe bring me to
 my graue: O Albina, haue I lined to see thee thus con-
 uicted of infamie, and must mine eyes behold the dissolu-
 tion of thy body, and due execution for thy former follies?
 Alas, to seuer a sentence for so sweet a Saint: to sharpe a
 blowe for so beautifull a Damosell, and to cruell a iudge-
 ment of a father against his childe. Oh vnfortunats Do-
 rosa! whose lascinious treachery hath poysoned the hangh-
 tinell of thy valour, and whose aspiring wickedness
 hath wrought thine owne confusion. If heretofore against
 our auncient and malenolent enemy, the Turke, thou
 diddest vs any seruice worth thy honour, now hast thou
 with great wrong reuenged thy selfe, by taking from vs
 that good which thou canst neuer restore: but let this suf-
 fice, that for thy disordered dealing thou shalt receiue such
 condigne punishment, as shall remaine for a perpetuall re-
 membrance. If the Quene take the cause thus gra-
 uously, no lesse was the sorrow of the Prince Ferraro, for
 the misdemeanour of Dorosa, whom aboue all other he lo-
 ued most entirely: and likewise for his sister Albina, and
 being thus sad and peniue, he walked into the Gardens
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obloynng to the Tower, where Albina was imprisoned: thus chawing vpon his melancholy passions, he heard Albina, who hauing vnderstood the hard censure of her father, fell into these complaints, *Oh* heavenly Creator of all things: what is there in this life, but sorrow and anguish of minde: no longer am I free from the rock of Scylla, but I strike into the gulle of Charibdis, no longer deliuered from the disordinate loue of that cursed Mahumatist, but I perishe through the enuie of a wicked Athiest. Alas Albina, vnder the influence of what sinister aspect wert thou borne: what vnfortunate Planet had domination at the time of thy natiuitie: *Oh* cruell destinies: thus to tyrannize and triumph ouer the innocent and guiltlesse! *Oh* cruell Mordeno, what furiousnesse hath possessed thy soule, that thou canst thus swear and forswear in so false accusation. Alas Mordeno, hath too much loue made thee mad, or ieaalousie so long lodged in thy breast, that it hath bereaued thee of thy senses: wilt thou either force mee to leue or seeke by thy villany to spill my blood: But where-in hath Dorosa offended thee: hath hee in hazarding his owne life, in defending of thee, thy possessions, and all Hungaria from destruction, deserved such an vntimely death: Alas Dorosa, that I loued thee I confesse, yet thy deserts were greater then my loue: but God knoweth that I neuer had either such thought or wish of vncleane:esse, as I am traiterously accused, yea and already condemned and iudged of: more griefe vnto me is the danger of the life, then the full expecting of my speedie death: but death shall be the end of my sorowes, and death is the lesse griefe in that I die an Innocent, and so so virtuous a Gentleman as thy selfe; whose loue toward mee how great it was I might well perceiue, yet did neuer any motion thereof procede forth thy lips. *Oh* King my father, thou putttest to death thine owne flesh and blood, vpon false and subboyned accusations. *Oh* Prince Ferraro, thy sister Albina who hath loued thee as her life, and borne as
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bears vnto thee as thine owne soule, must die a most infamous and reproachfull death; innocent of the crime, yet condemned by rigour: yea, and with me must thou lose thy faithfull Pylades, thy trusty Damon, thy noble friend Dorosa, he which defended thy life from that monstrous Mordaco. Oh Quene my mother, your daughter Albina which was the only comfort of your life, must die though the false protestations of that cursed Mordeno. Thus clasping her armes together, being conuincd with heartnesse, I leaue the extremitie of her grieffe to them that haue tasted the like mishap. Feraro hauing all this while hearkened to the sad lamentation of his sorrowfull sister, with the teares falling from his eyes, hee offered these speeches. Alas Feraro, how is thy heart overcharged with grieffe at the hard hap of thy friend: is it possible that this should be an inuented and an intended mischief of the Duke: yea, no doubt it is no otherwise. Why Feraro, though his accusation be true, yet why shouldst thou not endeavour, labour, yea and strue with maine and might, to mittigate the rigour of thy Fathers sentence: A perfect friend Feraro, should be like the bird Ibis, which the longer it liueth the sweeter it smelleth, or like the Glasse-wozme which shineth most bright in the dark. Why then Feraro, leaue no meanes vnassayed, or danger vnattempted to purchase their liberty: yea, if it be with hazard of thine owne life: for if he voluntarily by the aduventure of his person, deliuered thee and all Hungaria from ruine, why shouldst not thou with the like kindnesse requite his actions: yea, let Fortune doe her worst, hap what hap may, I will either free them from this perill, or my selfe will make the third in this tragedie. While Feraro rested in this determination, Albina hauing breathed her selfe after her complaints, taking Pen and Inke, wrote these letters following.

To

of *Pragosa*, and his three *Sonnes*.

To the wicked *Mordeno*, shame to his person, hatred to
his conditions, confusion to his substance, and
endlesse torments to his guiltie
Conscience.

Mordeno, haddest thou bene as valiant, as thou art
villainous, or as victorious, as thou art vicious, we
had in the late warres ben in lesse danger of our ene-
mies, and thou gayned more fame for thy worthinesse,
which is nothing but a heape of cowardize: by the fruit
Mordeno is the tree knowne; thy blossome was faire, but
thy fruit like the Apple of *Asia*, more bitter then gall, and
the tree can be no other but a stalke of pestilence. Oh
damned Caitiffe, with what eyes canst thou behold the
writing of her that sees into thy heart, where nothing
remaineth but turie, and nothing losgeth in the entrailles
but heapes of crueltye. If thou thinke *Mordeno* that I
loved *Dorosa*, small hope haddest thou to obtaine my li-
king, vntlesse thou thinke mee like the foolish *Tartarow*,
that changed all her old gold for new glasse, or to resemble
the filthy *Swine*, which leane the cleane streame to drinke
in foule puddles: but haddest thou intended to gaine my
loue, thou shouldest not thus haue gone the long way to
the *Woods*; but haue remembred there is a time that the
Lamb will like the *Wolues* eare, *Gutta cauat lapidem*
non vi sed sepe cadendo, in time the slowest *Walle* cli-
meth the highest tree: What *Mordeno*, art thou so simple,
that thou thinkest to catch a Hare with a Laboz: tush the
Foxe will eate no Grapes, and thou shadowing a faire
thou under a foule pretext, wilt sake by perurie to cut a
way *Albina*, in that thou thinkest her no lettice for thy
lips: yet know *Mordeno* that some escape after the *Whis-*
tian hath given his iudgement to the contrary, and the
Patient is oft-times nighest death, when he thinketh him-
self past his disease: this I say, in that according to the old

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many things happen betwaine the cup and the lip, and that which is looked for of many, is neuer some of any: then know Mordeno, that I am not so farre past but I may escape, nor thou so secure from danger, but spied Death may stand at the doore: thus hoping the one, and expecting the other, I with thee feare euill.

By the trayterously accused,
the chaste *Albina*.

To the worthie *Dorosa*, release of imprisonment, triall of innocencie, encrease of honour, and endlesse felicitie.

How hard thy imprisonment comes to thy person, or with what patience thou sustainest thy affliction, I know not, but being a chaunce most suddaine, so such vnexpected euents are all other most strange: thou art innocent of the crime, and I suppose thee ignorant of the cause, but this is but a tragedie invented by Zealotie, intended by enuie, and perfozmed by perjured villanie. But *Dorosa* seeing the destinies haue assigned this doome, and suspicion so well played the Drafter, as he hath procured the sentence of guilt: beares thy sorow with the more patience, in that the cause commeth of affection, and thou hast an equall partaker in thy affliction. A fire deuised into two parts, burneth lesse vehemently: the burthen of *Atlas* laid on the shoulders of many, seemeth lesse waightie: *Ixeons* labour would haue bene the lighter if *Iuno* had endured the like punishment, *Solamen miseris socios habuisse doloris*. It is a comfort to haue a fellow in miserie. And *Dorosa* let this imprisonment seeme the lesse loathsome since thou sufferest the same for thy supposed Aouer: but alas *Dorosa*, how should *Albina* play the Whistian, seeing her owne disease is past cure: how should I procure the

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thy ſafety, being my ſelfe beyond all hope of ſafegard, or
comſort another, and remaine comſortleſſe my ſelfe. Is it
not a comon ſaying, Medice cura teipſum, firſt caſt the
moate out of thine owne eye: then, ſeing I can helpe thee
with nothing but prayers, nor eaſe my paſſions with no-
thing but patience, I haue writ this Letter, to ſignifie
why thou art reſtrained of thy liberty, and what iudge-
ment is pronounced againſt thee. Know then that Mor-
deno hath by fained accusations, and falſe Dathes accuſed
vs of vniclearneſſe, and the King giuen ſentences of death,
according to the law in that caſe prouided. I am partaker
of the iudgement, and am like to endure this iniuſtice thy
fellow in priſonment, and thy Lower untill death. Let it
then ſuffice thee, to know ſoz certaintie that which hitherto
hath bene heſitated by ſignes, that Albina loues thee, hath
loved thee ſince the firſt ſaw thee, will remaine thy Lower
during her life, and ſo beare thee companie, ſhall reſt con-
tented with her death: thus praying ſoz iuſtice, more ſor-
rowfull ſoz thy danger, then her owne diſtreſſe: Farewell.

Thine living and dying
the ſorrowfull Albina.

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CHAP. II.

How Feraro being in discontent and griefe, for his sister Albina, and his trustie friend Dorosa, rode forth and met with a Knight called Corrillus, who was sonne vnto the Duke Plauto, and how he declared vnto him that Donuallo had slaine himselfe, and of the warre that the Duke of Muscouis made against Polonia, for the loue of faire Flermia, and of other accidents.



Albina hauing written these Letters, she sent them by her Damasell, who immediately deliuered the first vnto Mordeno, who although he were taught to be quiet, yet in the most resting careless of her faunts, in that he gaped with grieuie talowes after her untimely death, took the Letter, teared it in piéces, and cast the same into the fire: then the Damasell going toward the dungeon, caused the other forthwith to be deliuered to Dorosa, who hauing opened the same, and percciued the effect, vnderstanding the loue of the Princesse, and the extreme danger wherein they both remained, sending forth vallies of sighes, and rending his comely lockes of haire for very anguish of minde, bedeweing his cheekes with an ocean of bzinish teares, he fell into these complaints.

O miserable Dorosa, thy misfortunes are moze then thy yeares, and thy punishment beyond all means. O vnhappie Caitiffe, what hast thou to doe, but lament when thine euill fortune yalos nothing but cause of lament: Why should thy life last, to endure these torments, and not rather to dissolue into vnseene Elements:

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Dreadfull Fortune, that thus sweetest all thy pleasure at such a costly price, thou shewest me a faire picture, but drabone with an infectious paint: and in stead of Roses, thou giuest me a Rose-gay of Nettles. A deceitfull Trumpet, that for a faire Apple giuest me the bitter sweete, in stead of an Oyle thou presentest me with a Snake, and in offering to kisse mee, thou giuest me the stabbe. A world, thou hast so short continuances in thy vanities, that thou ledest all wandring in vnsstablenesse, from a Prince thou hiddest abase me to a Peasant, and for faire Gardens, stately Palaces, and large possessions, thou committest me to filthie lodgings, a foule dungeon, and loathsome saunours: Alas *Dorosa*, how is thy delight seasoned with discontent, thy hony mist with gall, thy Sugar mingled with salt, and thy sweetest syrops with most bitter Aloes? But alas *Dorosa*, hast thou a companion in miserie, yea such a one as is not a comfort, but a corrosiue to thy heart, not a salu to thy soze, but a surfet to thy soule, no; a pill to digest thy discontent, but a plague to procure thy sorrow.

Alas *Albina*, would my thraldome might purchase thy libertie, my death ransom thy life, and my reproach redeeme thee from the like. A cursed King, haue I preferred thy estate, and rescued thy life, to cause the destruction of my selfe. Oh unkinde Father, to giue so cruell a censure vpon so vertuous a childe. Oh wicked *Mordeno*, that through thy perjury procurest the death of the rarest creature vnder the whole circuit of the heauens, with this being conuincd with the extremities of his sorrowes, the abundance of his feares stopped the passage of his speech. All this while, *Feraro* rolling in his humyes of discontent, deuising what meanes were best to be used, for the speedie deliuerie of his friends, and being thus sad and pensiue, calling for his Hackney, hee rode abroan into the fields, thinking either to burie his malecontent in oblivion, or finde some

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medicine to release their martirdom: while he was thus riding an easie pace, there buer toke him a knight errant, one that has vowed to consummate his life in frammles, either to winne himselfe a name by prouing strange adventures, or to delight his mind with viewing the situation of pleasant Countreies. This knight seeing the Prince in such costly attire, presently supposed him to be some mighty Lord in that Countrey; and hauing given him a most courteous salutation, beholding the map of sorrow portrayed in his brow, fell into these speeches.

Worthy knight, the beauntye of your countenance deciphering the hardnesse of your hap, and the image of griefe seated in your face, bewrayeth the Chaos of vexations which are lodged in your breast, the sight whereof hath taken such effectuall instance in my heart, that I am already full competitor of my woes, and being the duellie of every worthy knight, to aide the distressed, and to their power to minister comfort to the afflicted, so I perceiuing by your outward looks, a sure signe of your inward sorrow, if it please you to manifest the cause, I should not onely thinke my selfe bound to requite your courtesie, but to my abilitie remains ready to redresse your griefe, or with my aduice perswade you for the best, or if neither of these can preuaile to be partaker of the anguish of your minde. Ferrar hearing him proceede in these friendly tearmes, replied in this manner. **Sir knight,** and my very good friend, as the frowne of my face bewrayeth the greatnesse of griefe, so it is so much the greater, in that I finde no cause to hinder the effect of my sorrow, which is no other, but onely for the danger of certaine of my friends (more deere vnto me then mine owne life) by a conceived displeasure against them by the King my Father: for which, I see no meanes of redresse, untill the Almighty mollifie his minde, or Fortune herselfe procure remedie. Thus hauing in briefe fulfilled
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your request: fo: your regalification I reſtore your name,
your Countrey, and kinde, and withall the cauſe that
thus procureth your trouble: this ſaid, the Knight pro-
ceeded in this manner.

Gracious Prince, although to rectifie my kinde, is
but to take fire out of the cinders, and in reſtoring my
Countrey and cauſe of my trouble: I may ſay with Ene-
as, Infandum iubes renouare dolorum: yet leaſt I ſhould
either ſeeme ingratefull fo: your kinde anſwere, or to pro-
miſe much and perſorme little, attend the diſcourſe of my
enſuing tale and you ſhall be fully certified: firſt under-
ſtand, that the famous King Fragoſa of Aragon, had in
his life time three ſonnes, and one onely daughter, who
Languens in extremis ſuper lectum, bequeathed his
Crown and dignitie to Donvallo the eldeſt, an vnlike
ſolene of ſuch a ſtock, one as full fraught with vices, as e-
uer the father was filled with vertues: to the other two
young Princes, children of great hope of future honour,
to the eldeſt of the twaine he gaue the Dukedome of A-
rina, and therewithall forty thouſand Duckets to be paid
out of the treaſurie, committing his education and bring-
ing vp, together with the reuenerence of his ſozſaid
Dukedome, to the Earle Plauto my father: to the o-
ther brother he bequeathed the Caſtle and Towne of
Doſto likewise, with fifty thouſand crownes to be paid
out of the Coſers of Aragon: to his daughter Flernia he
gaue forty thouſand pound, with charge that ſhee ſhould
be tranſported vnto her Aunt, the Quene of Poland,
which was immediately performed, and where ſhe now
remaineth: now ſome after the kings deceaſe, the ſecond
brother being vnder the tuition of my father, was ſolne
away and murdered, as we ſuppoſe by the ſubilltie and
treason of his brother then King: ſince which time he
was neuer knowne nor heard of. This young Duke be-
ing thus loſt, my father who loued him moſt tenderly,
in the bitterneſſe and anguiſh of his minde, cauſed to be
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sought throughout all that Country, but all in vaine, it was but lost labour, they sought but him among the li-
ving, which was comforted with the dead. But now Don-
vallo the King, seeing this, counterfeited a mighty discon-
tent, yet his griefe was not so great, but he could quickly
seize both his possessions and treasures into his owne
hands: and not content with this, caused my Father to
be apprehended of treason, for the death of his brother:
and thus in hysle dispatched him of his life. And this
done, he likewise seized all his linings as forfeit to his
State: not long after, feigning great sorrow for
the losse of the one brother, he would needs haue the o-
ther, who was then kept by the Marquesse of Kino into
his owne hands: and hauing his desire therein satisfied,
caused him not long after to bee likewise done away.
Now this being full eight yeres past, after which time
I being come vnto mans estate, sued by entreaty that he
would restore the former honours of my Fathers house;
which he taking in displeasure, did not onely make flat an-
swers to the contrary, but according to his wonted cru-
eltie, did soe enerbawish me the Country. This I say is
the efficient cause of my trouble: but now not long since,
as I am credibly informed, the Nobles of his Kingdome
noting his misdemeanours, rebelled against him, and the
tenth of this last moneth ioyning their Armies in the
field, the King being in the end discomfited, and calling to
minde his former massacres, which he many waies com-
mitted, slew himselfe. Now is the young Princesse heire
apparent to the Crowne, the most vertuous and exquisi-
te Lady this day liuing, and is yet remaining in Polo-
nia, and soe her sake and her Cousin, the Kings daughter,
likewise heire to her Father, and in beauty not much in-
feriour to the other, doe the Graund Duke of Musconia,
and with him a most mighty and barbarous Tartarian,
waage warres against Polonia, desiring to haue the one of
them the beautifull Fleming, and the other to enjoy the
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Princesse Lucibella, daughter to the King of Poland: for this, I say, is all that Country begirt with cruell enemies, and great pittie it were two such Princesses should be ioy-
ned to two such wicked Infidels, whose like are not this day liuing, and greatly is this same to be feared, in that their power is so mighty, hauing also in their Armie eight or nine strong and dreadfull Giants; and now although I had onely bent my life to trauaile, hearing hereof, I doe purpose to direct my course thither, either there to end the loathsome pilgrimage of my life, or else to ad something, whereby to reconer the reputation of my decayed honours. Thus noble Princesses haue I fulfilled your demand, concerning my unhappie selfe, and that unfortunate Countrey of Aragon.

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How Feraro plotted how Dorosa might escape out of prison, and atchieued it, then hee and Dorosa rode to Corrillus, to whom vpon Corrillus surmise, Dorosa made him selfe knowne, and how they trauailed toward Polonia: and how Dorosa writ vnto Androgio king of Hungaria in excuse of faire Albina, &c himselfe.



These reports of the Princess Flermia created such new passions in the heart of Feraro, as he felt in himselfe the puissance of a little God. Thus being tormented with grieve for his friends, and troubled with his new entertained amours toward Flermia, his minde was transported into continuall cogitations, first remembryng the noblenesse of her birth: secondly, the beauty and vertues which Corrillus ascribed vnto her, and then that she was heire to the whole Kingdome. All these were

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such spurs to a free horse, as he purposed if it were possible to obtaine the faire Flernia to his wife: but when on the other side hee called to minde his want of knowledge and ignorance in lottes affaires, the great Princes which continually bowed their deuotions and seruices to such worthy Ladies: and lastly, the horrible warres, and cruell enemies wherein Polonia was besieged, such a quaking feare possessed cheere sinnew, as if his soule would immediately haue left the mansion of his body, and floune forth into the Chilian fields. But while he was thus perplexed in this Chaos of confused verations, hee suddenly apprehended this deuice, which was how he might get Dorosa out of prison by some wile, and with him and Corrilus the Aragonian Knight to take his speedy passage into Polonia: resolving likewise with himselfe that Dorosa being escaped out of prison, his Father would spare to execute his displeasure and hard sentence vpon his sister Albina.

This determination sitting his humour, hee againe began for to continue his talke further in this manner. Sir Corrilus, the liking which I haue of your person, together with the desire I haue to see strange and forraigne Countries, and the great commendation and praise which you haue given of that sacred and beautifull Princesse, hath taken such deepe roote in my minde, as I will not onely beare you company my selfe, in these trauailes, but will also procure another my especiall god and kinde friend, to doe the like, being a Knight in valour second to none vnder the circuit of the heauens: hoping that wee shall performe such deedes of chiuallrie, vpon these heathen Canibals, as their carcases shall witnesse the worthinesse of our deeds.

Corrilus hearing this, applauding his hap of such good companie, embraced Feraro in his armes, offering all thanks for his kindnesse, protesting himselfe his bowed friend and seruant vntill death. Thus hauing ended their gratulations, Feraro appointed to call him the next morning

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uing at a place called *Dording*, which was about some thirtie miles from the Kings Court, and with serious promises of future friendship, they gave each other his farewell for that night, and departed. *Corrillus* being gone, *Feraro* halted presently to the dungeon where *Dorosa* lay, and coming thither, with a feigned excuse he told the keeper hee must speake with the prisoner upon some earnest businesse from the King; the keeper made no deniall in this case, but permitted him quietly to enter: where being within, he found *Dorosa* so forlorne with griefe, and pined away with sorrow, as it seemed impossible to short a time, sheuld haue bred so strange an alteration. *Dorosa* seeing *Feraro*, came forward to meete him, which the Prince seeing, with the teares standing in his eyes, as one partaker of his griefe, fell about his necke and embraced him in his armes, in the most kinde order he could devise. This being done, the Prince declared unto him what newes he heard of *Corrillus*, recounting vnto him briefly from point to point all that he had said: and how he determined in his person to goe for the Princesse *Flermia*, and by a wile helpe him out of prison to be his companion in this iourney, perswading him also that the King his Father would cease from any further vengeance toward *Albina*, he being once escaped. Though *Dorosa* was abashed at this tidings, and grieved for the decay of his friends, and most especially for the cruelty used toward the Earle *Plauto*, and his younger brother *Pleudippo*: yet being cheered with hope of present deliuerie, and the glorie of his ensuing Kingdom, to the which he now knew himselfe next heire, promised herein to assist the Prince to the uttermost of his abilitie.

Thus hauing resolved vpon their determinate purpose, *Feraro* left *Dorosa* in prison, and departed, and fitted himselfe and *Dorosa* of horses and armour in: the ensuing he commanded one of the Grooms of the Stable to bring them into the Wood a little before the dungeon, and

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there to await his coming. All things being thus in a readinesse, about nine of the clocke the Prince went againe to the prison, and coming by the Watch, they knowing him to be the Kings sonne, permitted him quiet passage: but when hee came at the inward gate and demanded the key of the Keeper, he made him absolute answer, that hee neither would or durst let any man enter at such inconuenient houres. The Prince hearing this discourteous answer, leaving his hope should be frustrated, pulled forth his dagger, and stabbed him presently to the heart: then taking the keyes, went boldly into the dungeon, where againe embracing each other, they came forth araine in arme to the inward gate, where the Porter lay dead, theretaking each of them a Halbert, they determined to breake through the Watch by force: but at length Feraro remembering a backe dore, they escaped out at the same without making any noyse or tumult, and so going to the place appointed, they presently armed themselves, mounted their Courriers, and departed, making such expedition, that before Phœbus had vailed the curtains of the night, they were safely arrived at Dording, where Corillus lodged, who being not yet vp, Feraro betooke himselfe to his rest, thinking to steale a nap: but Dorofa being repleat with griefe, and pensiuo to remember the danger imminent ouer the Princesses, wrot to the King as followeth.

To the gracious and most mightie Androgio,
King of Hungaria, health, patience,
and peace.

WHile this thing, I wrote not as one enclosed in a filthy dungeon, but as a free Libertine, managing his Courrier vpon the Plaines, not as slave to the Countie of Lorraine, who as the Duke of Pozena affirms, keeps many better then my selfe, neither as one
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breaching thy power, in that I am already escaped thy frontiers, not as one of thy basest subjects, but as a free knight at Armes, Prince of Aragon, and heire apparant to the Crowne, sonne to the late King of famous memorie *Fragosa*, and brother to the late Donvillo deceased, whose lewd life was as much despised in Aragon, as is death deserved by that false Mordeno in Hungaria. For my deliuerie, I yeeld praise to the protector of Innocents, & thanks to my noble friend, the Prince *Feraro*, who hath honourably requited my former aid against the Pagan, and bound me to be his in all friendly amity. Worthy King, my greatest and onely request is this, that your excellent daughter the Princeesse *Albina*, may according to Justice, haue triall of her innocency, and thinke that all her accusation is nothing but a compacted knaury, or inuented villanie, by that wicked and perjured Mordeno; who seeing he could not enioy her loue, hath by his hatred sought the end of her life, and thinking me to be fauoured by the Princeesse, hath secretly intended this balefull tragedie: that I loued her I denie not, yet neuer further then her honour and my honesty did allow: looke vpon the clarenesse of her cause, and preferre not wrath before Justice: Hast hastneth woe, Tempus edax rerum, referre all things to Time, and examine her cause by the touchstone of truth: thus wishing *Albinaes* deliuerie, and your Maiesties endlesse felicitie, I cease.

Dorosa of Aragon.

This Letter being dispatched, *Dorosa* caused the same with all speed to be conuayed to the King. But as soon as the night exchanged his sable mantle, and *Aurora* with dayes bright vestures graced the Orient, *Corillus* who thought it then to be true mens hours, reioyning himselfe from his bed came forth out of his Chamber: out of which he was no sooner come, but *Feraro* hauing spoken off his

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Dorothea humbly greeted him. They hauing giuen each o-
 ther a kinde good-morrow they walked forth into the hall,
 where in a malecontented mood they found Dorosa in a
 Chaire, leaning his head vpon his hand, where so soon
 as they were entred Corillus looking steadfastly in his face
 with more then a curious surueiw, shadowing his face
 with a snowy white, an Ocean of brinish teares streamed
 along his cheekes, which Feraro seeing, uttered these or
 the like speeches. What how now Corillus? what sodain
 griefe hath seized vpon your heart: that thus in a figure of
 discontent it covers it selfe with teares: what chare man:
 effeminate passions, to laugh and weep all with one windy
 full man, let not the remembrance of decayed honors pro-
 cure such vnconth alterations, nor the feare of any future
 fortunes drive thee into these despairing dumps. Nay,
 worthy Prince (replied Corillus) it is not the crabbed-
 nesse of Fortune (which in time to come may proue as
 kinde as she hath bene cruell, in that like Proteus she de-
 lighteth in nothing but change) that can thus animate mee
 with sadnesse, or the feare of her insuing stratagems, con-
 found me with sorrow, in that I hold her Deity in con-
 tempt, by brooking her thwartes with content, but Noble
 Prince quoth he, (and there againe with abrupt sighes,
 making a pause) it is the remembrance of that lost Prince
 of whom this knight here present putteth mee in minde,
 in whom appeared the lively sparkes of true curtesie and
 magnanimity: he which was the perfect image of his ver-
 tuous father, and the only hope of all Aragonia: I meane
 that young Dorosa, whose losse was the death of my fa-
 ther, the decay of mee his Sonne, and the dissolution of
 the whole kinde: to remember this I say, produceth not
 onely the teares from mine eyes, but also the warmest and
 best blood from my heart.

Dorosa seeing Corillus in this agonie of minde, being
 not able any longer to conceale himselfe, with the teares
 standing in his eyes, taking and embracing him in his
armes

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armes, hee then uttered these kinde and louing speeches. Good friend *Corrillus* cheare vp thy selfe, and surcease this extremitie of passions, cleare vp thy faithfull heart from these cloudes of impatiencie, and bury those implacable cruelties of that deceased *Donvallo* in the loth of obliuion: thinke no more of the likeness of *Dorosa*, but of the love which *Dorosa* will beare toward thee for thy forgiuessed amittie: weepe not to see his person, but reioyce to behold his substance, neither grieue to suruey his picture, but gather courage to embrace his person, for heere thou *Corrillus* hast *Dorosa*, who was committed to thy fathers custodie, made away by cruelty, but conserued by an omnipotent power.

Corrillus hearing him say these wordes, and fully perswading himselfe they were true, embracing him in his armes, hee was so surpris'd and ravisht with ioy as for a long time he held him fast looking on him, not able to utter one word: but at length having recovered the liberty of his soft speeches, with many kinde gestures and much pleasant talke, they both began to forget their sorowes. After sundry gratulations on both parties, they set forward on their iourney: in which many relations of their sorowes, and histories of their preter accidents passed betwene them, cutting *Tines* wings, and making the tediousnesse of their way not at all to be discerned by reason of their pleasant discourses, giuing much content vnto *Ferraro* with the variety of their strange and vnerpected chances.

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CHAP. IIIL.

How newes was brought *Andregio* of *Dorosaes* escape, and while hee called his Counsell to aduise what was best to be done, the letter of *Dorosa* was deliuered to the King, whereby he vnderstood of *Dorosaes* birth & parentage, and how the King ordained the accusation should be cleared by battell, and how *Mordeno* provided a huge Gyant for his Champion, with other things that happened.



At now by this time word was brought vnto the King of *Dorosaes* escape, of the slaughter of the *Fayter*, and of *Feraroes* departure: these tidings in- cented y^e King with such a *Megerean* furie, as he fully purposed to haue speedy execution done vpon *Albina*; yet pausing herein a while, fearing to doe y^e in hast he should repent at leasure: he called for the Nobles of his Councel, desiring their wise and graue aduice in these disaster enents: they being all together, quot homines tot sententia, euery one lent his seuerall verdict, *Mordeno* only excepted: who now seeing he had mist his marke of *Dorosa*, late as one with a flea in his eare, speaking neither good nor bad: while they were thus in the depth of their consultation, arrived the Messenger that brought the letter from *Dorosa*, who being entred into the Hall, falling downe vpon his knees, and kissing the letter, he deliuered the same vnto the King: the King hauing broken by the seale, gaue it to one of his Secretaries to reade: when they all heard the effect of *Dorosaes* Letter, they were all diuinen into a Labozynth of admiration, at the strangenesse of this hap, vntill an auncient Knight spake as followeth. *Worthy King and*
Lordes,

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Lords, although this seeme miraculous vnto your persons,
 yet is not the same altogether Hyperbolicall, for of certaintie,
 I haue both heard and knowne, that *Fragosa* had three
 sonnes. *Donvallo*, *Dorosa*, and *Pleudippo*, two of the
 which were made away (after the eldest obtained the Dia-
 dem) which way none knoweth. Very well then (quoth
 the Countie of *Turaine*) may this be one of them, in that
 this *Dorosa* was taken among the *Turkes*, as sold vnto
 them for a slave. And in very truth (quoth he) in my opi-
 nion, the deep maiestie of his countenance hath continually
 deciphered him, to be of some high descent: then noting how
 he excused *Albina*, and accused the Duke (who saith now
 as one in another world) they all concluded that the Prin-
 cesse should haue her triall by Combat, setting downe ten
 dayes liberty for the procuring of her Champion. Which
Mordeno in person, or some other vndertaking his quar-
 rell, should perforce against him. This newes was quick-
 ly carried vnto *Albina*, who trusting to the innocencie of
 her cause, glad to heare of *Dorosaes* escape, the honour of
 his birth, together with *Feraroes* kindnesse in that extre-
 mitie, hoping that all things would sort for the best, serled
 her selfe in content. Now *Mordeno* knowing the fallshood
 of his cause, and againe, fearing that *Dorosa* would re-
 turne to be defendant in this action, durst not adventure
 the Combat on his owne person, but being gouernour of a
 certaine Island not farre off, wherein was a huge Giant,
 for this Monster (being there nursed by some infernall In-
 cubus, for some damnable intent) did the Duke send, to
 stand as Challenger in this imminent danger. This Giant
 came with all speede, so that ere full five dayes were spent,
 he was at the appointed place, braving all such as durst
 say, that *Mordeno* had repozen any thing but the truth
 against *Dorosa* and the Princesse.

This deformed Catiffe, so daunted the courage of all
 the Hungarian Knights, as not one of them durst once
 giue a signe for her defence; every one grudging that the

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Duke should produce any such incarnate Monster, to encounter any man of meauer stature: thus did he rest in the field, no man daring to withstand him, where wee will leaue him rayling at, and reviling the Hungarian Knights for their cowardize, and follow Feraro, Dorosa, and Corrillus: These worthy Princes were not passed beyond the utter bounds of Hungaria, but Feraro was taken with a hote feauer, which held him in such sort, as they were there forced to stay twelue dayes for his recouerie: at length sailing him selfe well on the mending hand, with ease iournies they passed on for Polonia, within the confines whersof they were no sooner entred, but they fell into the lapse of a bond of two hundred and fifty Tartarian people, fierce, sauaage and cruell. These were there placed, to arrest all knights aduenturers that passed by, and also to keepe the Straights, least any should enter to aide or succour the Polonians. The Tartarians seeing these knights, summoned them to yald themselves to serue the mightie Doroko of Tartaria, or else they were but dead. Dorosa hauing the perfect Characters of high baliancie stamped in his heart, nothing dismayed at the multitude of their enemies, nor daunted with their ouer-bzauing speeches, encountered with one of them so rudely as he heaued him quite ouer his hoxie crouper, Feraro and Corrillus serued two other in like sort: but then were they forced to alight from their Baltraies, the rest of the Tartarians being on foote, who with their whole rent incompassed them about, laying on leade in such furious manner, as they were there in extreame danger to end the date of their lines. And the winde being now fit to returne to Britaine, in this danger must I leaue them a while, to see what becomes of Pleudippo.

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CHAP. V.

How *Pleudippo* remaining with *Dorelio* King of Britaine, hauing heard of the victorie obtained against the Turkes, by the prowesse of one *Dorosa*, vnderooke trauaile, leauing his study, and determined to seeke his brother through the world, by the way hee set free a Lady called *Andrilla*, from a terrible Giant called *Cosmodril*, and wonne him for his slaue, and how the Duke made *Pleudippo* Knight for sauing his daughter.



Pleudippo hauing all this while remained with *Dorelio*, King of Britaine, educated from his first arrivall among the learned Artists of his Land, one day being at the Court, a knight errant there made rehearfall of the happy victorie obtained against the Turke by the Hungarians, onely by the haughtie prowesse of a youthfull Gentleman called *Dorosa*, relating the same from point to point, as is already expressed. *Pleudippo* attentiuely regarding his discourse, this name of *Dorosa* made him call to minde the serious vow which he solemnely protested in the depth of his distresse, to trauaile the uttermost confines, and search the most secret corners of the whole superficies of the earthly Globe, to finde out his beloued brother. With this a sudden conceit taking him in the head, leauing the company, and walking out into an Arbour, to meditate vpon his new conceived humours, he fell into these tearmes. *Pleudippo*, what doest thou thus daily pozing on papers: seeking to contemplate thee by Art, when the destinies themselves doe assigne thee to Armes? Fond foole, is it not an olde prouerbe, the more bookish, the more blackish: fast thou

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not often, that the greater Clarkes are not the wisest men, as for the Pleadippo, leaue the study of Philosophie to subtil Sephisters, that by their ingenious Sillogisines sake to proue the Crow white, or to such superstitious Astrologers, as by their fained figures and Mathematicall calculations, make credulous soles belaeue the Horse is made of graine Chafe: or to such vpstart Lawyers, as with their chop-logicke and smooth tongues, can (though not cozosine) yet tell a faire tale with small truth, and shadow that with a golden pretext which being vncovered, is farre worse then dirt or dross: tuth Pleadippo, satis est quod sufficit: leaue then thy iksome studie, and seke for renowne by thy trauell: is it not better for thee as a Champion, to vndertake great Challenges, then thus in a corner to weare out thy time by wearing of thy wits? yes Pleadippo, and with this he set downe his full resolution, to fit himselfe of horse and armour: and the third day following, unknowne to the King or any of his Court, took his iourney to follow sovraine and strange aduentures. Now the day of his departure approaching, no sooner did Phosphorus appeare aboue the Horizon in the orient, forsothe wing that Phœbus with his golden and bright Eaper was ready to baile the shadie curtaines of misty night, but hauing all things in a readinesse, mounted on a lustie Courser, he took his Vale of the Brittaines soyle. Thus passing toward the Seacoast, he immediately imbarked himselfe for the land of Almaine, where the wind being fauourable within short time he safely arrived.

So sooner was this Aragonian landed on the Almaine shore, but he againe betooke himselfe of his trauailes: thus coasted he the Country, purposing to passe both high and low Almaine, and so into Hungaria, Patolea, Phrygia, Persia, Egypt, Asia minor and maior, with all the Nations belonging either to the Turke, Souldan or Sophie. Thus trauailed he by many faire Townes, strong Castles, and many delightfull places, for the space of
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five dayes: now the seauenth day being come, rising in a low valley, hauing on the left hand a mightie mountaine, and on the right hand a thicke and loffie wood: thus passing on his way. he heard a small voice with a sorrowfull lamentation complaine in this manner: Oh vnkinde destinies, that haue awarded me this poeme: Oh disaster chance that hath thus deliuered me to deatly, and most vncoustant fortune that hath thus committed mee into the hands of this vgly monster, in whom is neither pittie nor pietie. Thou Diuell incarnate, when will thy tyrannio haue an end: Thou filthy carcase without a Conscience, wherein some infernall spirit in stead of a soule doth inhabite: Thou fleshly furie, begotten by some Incubus, and nurled by some inchanting sozceresse, for some damned intent.

Pleudippo hearing this complaint, and perceiuing the same to be before him, he touched his palsty with the spur, who like the winged Pegasus, cut his way with such expedition, that in a short time he came to the place whence the cry came, where looking about, he saw a mighty, huge, and deformed Giant, who was euen then entring into the Wood, hauing a very beautifull Lady vnder his loathsome arme: he was huge of stature, full nine cubits high, of body thicke and corpulent, his hayre was long and shagato, with his eares Dogge-like hanging vpon his shoulders, and hauing in his hand an huge Gate of Iron. Pleudippo seeing this vncomele & fearful Monster, called vnto him in this wise: Discourteous and cruell villaine, what maketh thee so to abuse that excellent and beautifull Lady? I aduise thee to set her quickly out of thy hands, and deliuer her into my custodie, or by heauen I sweare I will send the damned ghost to the pitchie and darke Acheron, or else here lese my life as a true trophie of my intent. The Giant hearing Pleudippoes speeches, conuering his face with a frowne, shewing the cruelty of his disposition, with a harsh voyce hee replied in this manner.

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Then vainglorious and artificiall bragart, is thy insolencie and pride so great that thou darest to vexe my patience with thy arrogant presumption: I tell thee malpert boy, though to fight with thee will rather discredit me, then addo any honour to me by obtaining the conquest of thee, (in regard I am able to deale with many in combate moze absolutely worthy then thy selfe) yet thou proud skip-Iack, that I may correct thee for thy saucie behaviour and vntained headstrong enterprise, and likewise giue warning to others hereafter to bide their malpertnesse come I say, and I will soone giue thy flesh to the Fowles of the Ayre, and will quench my furie and thirst with a carrouse of thy hearts blood. With this he setting downe the Lady from vnder his arme, made toward him with his Pace. Pleudippo nothing daunted with this his threatening brando, leaped linely off his horse to encounter with him on foote, and being something doubtfull of the great fortitude of this deformed fiend, hee purposed to keepe him out at his speares point. Now began betwixt them two a sharpe and cruell bickering, the Gyant laying about him with his weighty and massy Pace, and striking ever at Pleudippoes launce: now Pleudippo on the other side warts of his heauie blowes, ever kept his launce aloft ever ready vpon the least aduantage to goze the Gyant, and skipping lightly heere and there, the Gyants Pace still lighted on the ground, and Pleudippo before he could recover it lent him many dangerous and depe wounds, so that the earth was coloured with a vermillion dye, with the abundance of blood that issued out of the Gyants body, in so much that he began to waie faint with the losse of the same.

But at length such was his happe, that hee hitting the launce with his ponderous mace, the same shattered in peeces: then was Pleudippo forced to take him to his sword, and the Gyant striking at Pleudippo, he thinking to saue himselfe from the blow with his shield, the same buckled

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so vnder his furious stroke, that part of the force thereof lighted so vpon his helme, that it made him fall downe vpon his knees. The Gyant seeing this, fetched about another blow, purposing therewith to haue finished the combat, but Pleudippo recoctering himselfe, shunned his blow, and let it fall vpon the earth, and being incensed with rage to beheld the diuellish furie of the Gyant, leaped toward him, and stroke him vpon the arme in such sort as his heauie mace fell out of his hand, the Gyant seeing himselfe now without a weapon, and his enemie ready with his piercing sword to goze him to the heart, being conuict with faintnes with the expence of his bloud, and with extreame feare of his present death, he fell downe on his knees and yielded himselfe, humbly intreating Pleudippo to saue his life. Pleudippo being glad of this obtained victorie, granted his request, but with condition that euer after that he should truely and diligently serue and obey him as his siane: the Gyant loath to lose his life, ratified the same with an oath, swearing by al his Gods truely and obediently to fulfill his command: which he faithfully did, as you shall heare hereafter.

This done, Pleudippo applied certaine salues to his wounds, which hee carried about him for his owne vse, that were so precious, as within two daies the Gyants wounds were perfectly whole. Now the Lady seeing the Gyant Cosmodrill subdued, being past feare of his further villanie, came and fell downe at Pleudippoes feete, uttering these speeches. Worthy knight, and the welles wonder, sole mirror of our time, and the most magnanimous vnder the architecture of the heauens, whose valour hath valiantly subiected the mightie, whose haughtie courage hath quailed the prides of the puissant, and whose conquering hand hath obtained the conquest of the unconquerable.

Pleudippo hearing her in these termes, taking her in his armes, and lifting her from the ground: Faire Ladie
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(quoth hee) in steed of these undeserued praises, y^eald prayers vnto the Almighty for you: happy deliuerance, and haue not any further feare of the treacherie of this terrible Caitiffe, for hee that with cruelty hath brought you captiue, shall with as much kindnesse recarrie you to your friends. The Lady fearing that Plaudippo vpon Cosmodrils promise of obedience, would haue committed her carriage onely vnto him. Valiant Knight (quoth she) if the deluge of teares distilling from the eyes of an vnspotted virgin, may moue you to pittie, or the penetrating prayers of a poore distressed Lady procure you to compassion, commit not the surety of my life into his hands, whom none can escape with safety, whose greatest truth as but sonle treason, whose faithfull promises faithlesse practises, and whose truest deedes are but deepe deceits. But let mee intreat you to vndertake the paines to conduct me to my Fathers house, the Duke of Brunswicke, which is here within three leagues, and from whence this malicious monster hath this day by force taken me, for I being walking in a Garden nigh adioyning to my Fathers Palace, with two other Ladies, he coming suddenly in, caught me by vnder his arme, as heere y^e saw him, and brought me to this place, pretending in this Wood to haue abused me at his pleasure, as he hath done many other Ladies and Damosels. Sundry Knights were there by which heard my cry when I was taken of the Giant, but none so hardie as to resist his diuellish determination: for so many are the Ladies hee hath deflowred, and destroyed, the Knights that he hath slaughtered, and the great massacres he hath committed, that not onely the whole Dukedome are in feare of his tyrannie, but generally all this part of the Empire.

Say Madame (quoth Pleudippo) it was neuer my intent to commit you to his custodie, further then mine eyes were witnesses of his good behaviour toward your person. And with this, Pleudippo mounting vpon his Palfrie,
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commanded Cormodril to set Audrilla (for so was this Lady called) behinde him, and her himselfe to follow on foot. Thus passed they along, untill they came vnto the Dukes Pallace, where Pleudippo and Cosmodril, were no sooner espied, but all the gates were immediatly made fast, every one running into their houses, for feare least Cosmodril should haue wrought their destruction, whose strength they supposed a puissant Armie was not able to withstand. Pleudippo being come to the gates, and finding them fast barred, he commanded Cosmodril to knock, who with his foule fist, gaue such strokes vpon the gate, as they sounded through all the Pallace, but none within would giue any answer, which Pleudippo seeing and being informed by Audrilla, that they within were terrified with the sight of that terrible Cosmodril, he commanded him first to take the Lady from her horse, and then to depart and wait his coming the next day, at a place which he appointed. The Gyant immediatly promised to performe his command, shewing himselfe very louing and obedient; the one in that he so courteously saued his life, the other in not daring to offend. So soone as Cosmodril was gone, Pleudippo and Audrilla went further from the gates, that they within out at the windows might descrie who they were. When they in the Castle saue the Dukes daughter in the custodie of a strange knight, and the Gyant departed, they knew not what to thinke, whether they might feare any further treacherie or no: all of them holding it impossible, that Cosmodril should by force of any be brought into subiection. Audrilla seeing them thus slow to giue her entertainment, called to some which were vpon the walles, saying: What doe you thus deferre to open the gates, see you not that I am safe deliuered from that dreadfull and diuellish Cosmodril, and now vnder the protection of that magnanimous and lone-boorne partialist: why then delay you to open the gates?

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Those words of Audrilla struck such a sobaine applause into their hearts, that in a confused manner they all ranne thronging on heapes, some of them strining to open the gates, others who should first beare this wished tydings to the Duke and Dutchesse, who having their hearts oppressed with a Hydra of cares, for the mishap of their daughter, sate in their Chamber sighing out their sorrowes. Now no sooner did they heare of this fortunate event, but converting their Labyrinth of griefe into a world of ioy, they in all hast came into the Castle yard, they there met Pleudippo and Audrilla, who were already entred. The Duke entertaining Pleudippo in his armes, and having given him the bien venu, he went forward to his daughter, which Audrilla seeing, falling vpon her knees did her dutifull reuerence.

The Duke and Dutchesse having thus affectionately embraced their daughter, Audrilla immediately declared the manner of her deliuerie, with the whole circumstance, as you haue already heard, the Duke vnderstanding the whole discourse, again embracing Pleudippo in his armes uttered these speeches. Worthie Knight, whose high prowess may well be imitated, but neuer equalled, and whose unspeakable desert may for ever be remembred, but neuer sufficiently recompenced, not onely for redimming our daughter out of the depth of her distress, and in conquering him whom we ever deemed invincible, but in freeing our Country from the further forwardness of so furious a foe: which although we can neuer requite, yet will we be ever mindfull thereof, and not onely I but the Emperour himselfe, will be alwayes ready to gratifie you in any reasonable request, and to ayde and assist you in any ensuing danger.

Noble Duke (quoth Pleudippo) my greatest and onely request is this, that it would please your Highnesse to grante me with the order of knighthood, which as yet I haue not receiued by the hands of any. Wery willingly
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(quoth the Duke) am I to bestow the same upon one in whom are such apparant signes of ensuing honour: and whose high merit hath already made him worthy of the same. What other speeches here passed betwene them, their kinde gratulations, their costly banquets, their professed amities, and their serious protestations of future friendship, leaſt I ſhould be either tedious to the Reader, or this new Hiſtorie ſhould grow to ouer great a volume, I here ſo breuely omit.

CHAP. VI.

How Pleudippo and his Page trauiiling together, heard of the Combat that was to be held to cleare the Lady Albina, and how he traualled to ſee it.



Now Pleudippo hauing receiued that excellent order, the next morning (notwithſtanding the earneſt entreaties of the Duke and Dutcheſſe to the contrary) he left the Dukes Palace, and departed. And being come to the appointed place, he there found the Gyant Coſmodrill very dutifully expecting his coming, ſhewing himſelfe nothing ſorrowfull for his loſt libertie, but rather reioycing to ſerue ſuch a renowned gallant, who on the other ſide bleſt him with great kindneſſe and courteſie, ſeeking by all meanes poſſible to bring him within the compaſſe of ſome ciuill government.

Thus with eaſie iournies trauiiled they along, vntill they came within the Country of Hungaria, and one night there taking vp their Anne, Pleudippo being ſet at ſupper, willed his Poſt to giue his Page ſuch meate as he deſired. Your Page ſir (quoth he) ſhall: and with that he ſetched a very deepe ſigh. Now now (quoth Pleudippo)

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dippo) both this word Page drins you into any discontent, that thus suddenly you seeme to sigh? Not the word for it answered the Host, but your Pages person; yet not his neither, but his proposition putteth me in mind of another, which to remember, is more bitter unto my soule then bitterness it selfe: and not to me onely, but it bringeth an oyle of sorrow almost to all Hungaria, in that he is like to be the confusion of the rarest creature vnder the whole circuit of the heauens: and with this, he declared the whole matter concerning Dorosa, Feraro, and Albina, as is before expressed, the Dukes accusation, the Kings sentence, Dorosa and Feraroes departure, the Gyants ouer-brauiings toward the Hungarian knights, discoursing euery particuler point of the same: and now to morrow (quoth he) is the last day, so that this excellent Lady without any triall of her cause, is like to endure the latest extremitie. Pleudippo vnderstanding by his tale, that this Dorosa was his brother. Good friend (quoth he) thou tellest me happy tydings, for this Dorosa must needs be the man, in search of whom I make this my troublesome trauaile, whom I feared had bene long since consofeted with the dead. But is it possible (quoth he) to be at the Court to see the event of this matter? Very hardly replied the Host, except you should trauaile this night, for it is more then twenty leagues. Surely (quoth Pleudippo) were I in place, the Lady should first see me conquered, before she should lose her life for lacke of a Combitant, were it but onely in respect of that Dorosa, who it should seeme hath bene a well-willer of hers, though not further then both their honours doe allow. And can you (quoth he) but procure mee a guide, I will what I may endeavour my selfe, to be at the place before the latestt houre. The Host hearing these honourable speeches, the true badges of magnanimitie. And seeing what a deformed Gyant diligently attended vpon him, answered in this manner.

Valiant

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Valiant and braue minded Knight, rather then ſo di-
uine a Princeſſe ſhould die for defect of ſuch a one as your
ſelfe, or you loſe ſuch endleſſe renowne as is to be reaped
by this victorie, I my ſelfe will be your ſafe conductor, not
doubting but we ſhall be there before the execution of her
perſon, which if none other undertake her quarrell, ſhall be
timely enough to try your fortune. With this he comman-
ded one of the Slaues of the Daſſie to giue their hories
prouender, and prepare them fit for their trauell.

Pleudippo hauing thanked his friendly Hoſt for his
forwardneſſe herein, called Cosmodrill, and commanded
him quietly to paſſe through the Countrey to the Towne
of Dording, which was the ready way toward Polonia,
whether the Hoſt certiſſed Pleudippo, it was ſuppoſed
Feraro and Dorofa were gone, and there to abide untill
his coming from the Court, ſtraightly charging him not
to abuſe any of that Countrey. Thus Supper being en-
ded, Pleudippo and his Hoſt betooke themſelues to their
travell, where we will leave them under Olimpus dark-
ſome ſhade, to ſpeake of Albina, now ſtill expecting her
ſpeedy death.

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How at the last houre of the day whē saire Albina should haue bin executed, Pleudippo came to the list, & was thought to bee Dorosa himselfe, and vndertooke the combat, and obtained the victory, and the Duke of Porenna was condemned to death, and before he died he confessed his false accusation. Afterward Pleudippo acknowledged himselfe to be brother to Dorosa.



He Grant as you heard before being in the field, overdaring and fearing the Hungarian knights with the crabbenesse of his ill favoured countenance: thus continued he raging and railing, according to the wonted crueltie of his crooked disposition untill the last day, against which time a scaffold was prepared at the end of the list, for the execution of the vanquished: at the one end whereof was erected a gallery for Albina, and her Ladies, all hanged ouer with blacke, in token of their great sadnesse, during this sorrowfull time: at the other end of the scaffold sate Mordeno, with many of his familiar friends, with ioy expecting the present end of the beauteous Princeesse Albina. At one of the sides of the list sate the King and his Nobles, all cloathed in mourning attire, sorrowing at the forepassed censure, wherein the Duke had so much liberty as to produce such an ugly monster for Conitabant. On the other side ouer against the King were placed for the Judges of the field, an ancient knight called Brancus, being the Kings neere kinsman, and with him the Countie of Turraine.

Thus continued they in the field all the sad Dunshine of this blacke dreary day, still feeding themselves with a hope

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hope that some worthy and valiant knight would undertake the *Princesse* quarrell. But now the latest houre is approached, and all further hope utterly wash't into dispaire, no Champion all this while once daring to adventure to purchase her redemption, which the Gyant seeing, braued out these speeches: Come ye dastard knights of *Hungaria*, is there none of you so hardie that dare cracke a speare in the defence of this minion? is your cowardize so great that you are daunted with a look? or is her misdeemeaner and fault so manifest as you distrust the rightfullnesse of her cause? Come, come, the time was expired, bring her to the blocke, why delay you any longer? see you not the destinies haue determined this to be the end of her dayes, and Fortune hath decreed her doome.

The wofull *Princesse* hearing these speeches, being surcharged with sorrow, and her heart loaded with vultures griefes, and hauing the characters of death purtrayed in her browes, overwhelming her face with an Ocean of teares, weeping her eyes drye, and her garment worke late resting her selfe in these her extreame passions ready to haue palied by the Ghost. The King likewise now seeing the latest moment, and all further expectation in vaine, with a sorrowfull heart was ready to command her execution, and to depart, seeing delay without hope did but aggrauate their sorowes. As hee was thus ready to speake, they heard a Trumpet sound, and looking about they saw an armed knight almost at the end of the list, with a tall Squire before him sounding an alarm: this put the King and all the Nobles in hope of a Champion to undertake the Combat.

This knight coming to the end of the list, alighted off his horse, and taking him to his Squire, hee entred the same ex lents, and passing forward untill hee came against the gallery where the King sat, after obedience done, demanded the conditions of the field. The Judges answered that there were no other, but that if the Gyant remained vanquished, both hee and the Duke immediately
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must lose their lines, and the like for the Princeesse Albina, and her defendant.

Then Pleudippo desired to speake with the Lady, to the end he might vnderstand her minde in this action: vpon this hee was immediatly conducted to the place where Albina was, and comming toward her lifting vp the heater of his helme, and saluting her with a courtly behaviour, faire Lady quoth he, the hearing of this seuerer and cruell sentence against your person, and the shamelesse villany of this desozmed Caitiue, hath made me with longing desire to see the Combat accomplished, to take vnaccustomed iournies in my wearisome traualles, and since Fortune hath permitted my arriual here at the houre of sadnesse, and now seeing the cowardlinesse of these Hungarian Knights, I can (as I am both by oath and dutie bound) but aduenture my life against this presumptuous and insolent peasant: now diuine Princeesse, not mistrusting the truth of your cause, if it please you to referre the ending of your quarrell to a poynting sword, I will either free you from this vntimely, and as I iudge vnderferued death, or consoort my selfe with you in your death.

Albina hearing the kinde speeches of this her new come Champion, and noting the phisognomie of his face, shee supposed him though not the substance, yet a perfect pattern of her beloued Dorosa, and therewith replied in this manner: Valiant and courteous knight, my life which is now on the latestt period, and my highest hope of delinerie being now readie to come to a most shamefull and ignominious death, should I refuse your courteous aide, in this my so great extremitie, I might rightly be reputed as accessory to my owne misfortune. Wherefore I doe referre my safety wholly vnto the tuition of your sword, and the tryall of my innocencie, to your good fortune and valiancie, distrustling the sequel of my cause so much the lesse, by how much you resemble that Heroicke Gentleman, the most excellent among men, that renouued Dorosa, with whom

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whom I am falsly accused to be vnchaste. Goe in the nam^e of God, truth is on your side: and while you decide the con-
trouersie by blowes, my virgin prayers shall not cease to
penetrate the heauens for your happy successe.

These speeches vttered, Pleudippo returned againe in-
to the Lists; and hauing his helme still open, all the people
present, were almost perswaded that it was Dorosa: and
Mordeno looking vpon his face, muttered out these speeches
to one of his next familiars. Dære friend, what hope now
remaineth of the victoꝝ, since my accursed enemy is come
in person to vndertake the Combat: this I say is that ac-
cursed Dorosa, whose honour I thinke all the Diuels in
hell haue conspired to make famous. The Giant being
mounted vpon a mighty Barbarian Courser, looking vpon
Pleudippo, come proud Gallant (quoth he) art thou hee
that wilt lose thy life in the defence of this wanton, and
here finish the last date of thy dayes vnder my conquering
hand: you fond foole, this day will I giue thy flesh to the
wormes of the earth, for thy presuming folly: and hers to
the soles of the ayre, for the filthinesse of her fact.

Pleudippo hearing these rebarguons termes, an ocean
of angry bloud spreading it selfe in his face, thou Gouerner
(quoth he) of mankind, and enemy to honestie, thou foule
carkasse filled with furie: what thinkest thou to beare it
away with thy vaunting brauerie: I tell thee insolent, de-
formed, baine-glorious, and shamelesse villaine, I am none
of them that are dashed with thy diuellish speeches, or scared
with feare of thy soule mishapen lineaments. But fellow
to that Dorosa (who is by the Duke falsly accused, and his
quarrell by thee contrary to right, traisterously maintained)
though not his equall, yet a kins of the same stocke, his
brother by birth, and one though not so strong, yet euer
way as resolute. A light thou thou euer-daring rakehell,
for I rather desire to canuase thee on foote, then to combat
with thee on horseback; yet not that I dread thy valour, but
that my Walstray is already weary with his soꝝe traiaile.

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Excellent bragart (quoth the Gyant) what thinkest thou to daunt my courage by the claiming kindred of Dorota, or to make thy party good on foot, when thy heart trembleth to behold me on horseback: and with this he alighted. Come (quoth he) thou proud and fancie Brincor, and though thou canst not rule thy tongue, yet well shalt thou see that I can bziolt thy manhood. With this the Herculaud hauing sounded his Trumpet, commaunded the Champions to doe their deuoir. The Giant was armed all in bzaile, and casting away his speare, betooke himselfe to a huge Pollax, the iron worke thereof wayed nere fifty pound; he was of stature not fully equall with the Gyant Cosmodrill, Pleudippo hauing his Launce in his hand, and his good sword fast girt to his harnesse, with his shield vpon his arme, entred the Combat: at the first encounter, the Gyant scorning to make long warre, struck with such vigour at Pleudippo, as he purposed with his first stroke to haue finished the fight. Pleudippo on the other side being filled with valour, and therewithall willing to shew his great strength, did beare the same vpon his shield, which was of such soft mettall, as he cut into the same moze then a foot, which caused him that he could not very speedily recover his weapon: and Pleudippo carefully taking the advantage of the fight, gaue him such a gird with his Launce, vnder the skirts of his armour, that the Janeling end was sene behind at his backe, and his corrupt bloud all stayned the earth with a purple goare: this stroke reuined the spirits of the King and Nobles, all knowing that if the Combat should continue long, this effusion of bloud must needs make the Gyant faint and feeble: this wound also made the Gyant moze warie, and so couet what he might to cut Pleudippoes Launce; and offering a blow, Pleudippo thinking to ward it as he did the other: the Gyant falsifying the same, cut Pleudippoes Launce quite asunder in the middes, that he was therewithall forced to take him to his sword: now began the fight to be very furious on both sides,

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Does, hard to iudge to whom this victorie would decline : the Gyant laying on such loades with his ponderous weapon, as he had almost hacked Pleudippoes shield in pices: he againe receiuing his strokes, gaue him such blowes with his sword by often entring within him, that all his armour was almost hewed in pices. Now the Gyant perceiuing Pleudippoes shield so mangled, purposed with one blow to leaue him without his ward: but Pleudippo was of the same, stepping aside, that his Pollaxe entred into the earth moze then a fote, and therewith entring vpon him, strucke him in such sort vpon his knee, where the ioynts of his armour met as he parted his legge from his body, and the Gyant therewith fell to the earth. With this there was such a shoute and hurling vp of Caps, as Pleudippo well perceiued what content this caused in the hearts of all the people present: but the Gyant being now vpon the earth, he quickly setting his fote vpon his breast, lowered his head from his shoulders, leaning his cursed bodie weltring in his owne blood: and going forward to the Iudges, he demaunded that the conditions of the Combat might be perfozmed.

With this the King came downe from his seate, and embracing him in his armes, Valiant Knight (quoth he) whose haughtie promise hath not onely freed my daughter from the implacable furie of eternely Death, but her sorrowfull mother almost dead with the extremitie of grieffe, and plunged in the deepest ocean of perplexities, thou hast caused Whenix like to liue anew, and to regeete againe the wonted pleasure of her former content. Well mayest thou be the brother of that couragious Dorosa, like in person, and not vnlike in valour, and both of you the maine Pyramids of Hungarias good. And with what kindnesse we accept the same, please it you to abide in our Court, you shall well perceiue, and may I but once see him againe, hee shall fully vnderstand what a volume of sorrow this seuer sentence hath produced to my soule.

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With this was the Duke of Bozennia committed to the executioner, where seeing nothing before his eyes but present death, being now plunged in the profunditie of calamitie, confessed the whole truth of his former treacherie; which he had no sooner done, but his head was taken from his shoulders.

Now the day having exchanged his vesture, and Cynthia with her borrowed light, the onely grace of the heavens: (the King having likewise embraced his daughter, and with his teares of ioy bedewed her Swanne-white cheekes, lamenting that he was so credulous, as vpon the Dukes surmised accusation, to giue so sharpe a censure, and she againe vpon her knees humbly entreating, that all these former occasions of sad and tedious lament, might of all parts be buried in oblivion.) When they went all together vnto the Court, generally applauding this happy victorie, the King leading Pleudippo in the one hand, and Albina in the other, where the Quene before with extreame woe lay languishing vpon her bed, volleing forth her sighes vnto the heavens, now with the vnerpected newes of the Giants ouerthrow, Albinaes innocencie, the Dukes confession, she was so ravisht in spirit with a subdaine extasie of ioy, that forgetting her former sickness, left her bed and came and met them in the Castle-yard: what kinde gratulations, louing embraces, and surpassing ioy there was then among them, let them iudge which in their deepest distresse haue had such sodaine receites of vnerpected comfort. But here the time passeth away, suppose they haue satisfied themselves with their Princely dainties, glatted their eares with sweet contenting Musicke, and passed the night in siluer sleepes and quiet refreshing slumbers.

CHAP. VIII.

How King *Androgio* made *Pleudippo* Duke of *Poreenna*, and gaue him all his lands, and offices, and Castles, and yet he desired to trauaile to finde his brother *Dorosa*; and how the King writ to *Dorosa* by him, and of the tokens *Albina* sent to *Dorosa*, and how *Pleudippo* rescued *Dorosa*, *Feraro*, and *Corrallus*, from the Tartarians.



N sooner did *Aurora* spread her selfe in in the East, but the King arising from his Royall couch, created *Pleudippo* Duke of *Poreenna*, and freely imposed vpon him all those possessions which before belonged vnto *Mordeno*, and now fallen into the Kings hands by his late cōdition. Which *Pleudippo* did willingly receiue as *Quis nisi mentis inops, oblatum respuat aurum*; yet did he answer the King, how he would not any whit delay his trauaile, untill he had found *Dorosa*: wherewith the King seemed no way discontent, hoping by his meanes, his sonne *Feraro* would the sooner returne, whose presence hee now greatly desired. This done, *Albina* hearing the cause of *Pleudippo*es troubled trauaile, comming vnto him: *Mozthie* Knight (quoth she) seeing you are thus minded to perseuer in your trauaile, although we especially wished your company in my Fathers Court: yet seeing the same is chiefly in quest of your Princely brother, vnto whom we are equally indebted as to your selfe, wee cannot desire to withhold you from any such vertuous endeavour: therefore with my hearty commendations vnto his person, I most earnestly entreate you, that if luckely you arrive in his company, you deliuer him from me this King and Handkerchiefe. In the King was engrauen,

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One heart and minde in weale and woe,
Loue lasts with life, despite of toe.

In the Handkerchiefe, with letters of gold, was embrodered these verses :

From feare of death and depth of discontent:
From waues of wo, combin'd with languishment:
From dire misfame, and iealous fond suspect,
Breed in despite of Enuies foule obiekt
I rest, yet resting thus with grieve I die,
Wanting the Wight, my soules whole treasury.

Pleudippo with a courteous behaniour receiving the same, and diligently noting the rare beaultie and modest demeanour of the Princesse, inwardly beloved, she was the most exquisite creature that euer was produced by nature, and the onely Paragon of all pure affections. This and much other that being ended, and Pleudippo renewing all things necessary for his trauaile: taking his adieu of the Quene and Albina, and the rest of the Court, he departed, the King himselte in person, with diuers of his Nobles accompanying him full foure miles, where after many thanks and Courtly embracings, the King deliuering him this Letter, with sundry other things in charge to Dorosa and his sonne, returned to the Court, leaving Pleudippo to the good successe of his beloved traualles.

To the magnanimious and most worthy Dorosa, Prince of Aragon, health and happinesse.

Dorosa, if our entertainment were not answerable to the dignity of your birth, blame ignorance: if I haue punished without cause, I will say peccau; and the confessing of my fault shall be some part of amends: if my seuerer sentence, passed the bonds of Princely piety, let it suffice

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suffice that the sorrow of my soule for the same hath bene equall with the sharpenesse of my seuerer indgement, vpon that periured Castiffes cursed accusation. And to conclude, if there be that affection which you affirme, grounded vpon honour and honestie, I will not any further crosse your contents with crueltie: but let Albina with her Turkish Dowrie bee thine for euer. Thus wishing your returne to our Court with our heartie commendations: Farewell.

Androgio Rex H.

NOW Pleudippo being mounted vpon the braue Barbarian Walfray, which belonged to the late conquered Gyant, made such expedition, that as Pheebus was declined to the West, he was arrived at the Towne of Dording, where he found Cosmodrill his Page diligently expecting his comming, shewing great content, and apparant signes of inward ioy at his so happy returne, there againe refreshing himselfe, and providing horse and armour for the Gyant: the next morning, being now both of them well mounted, they with good speede passed along toward the Countrey of Poland: within the borders whereof, within short time they arrived, where they were no sooner entred, but they espied three knights journeying along before them: who euen on a sodaine were set vpon with a whole troupe of armed Souldiers, three of them being on horse, and all the rest on foote: now at the very first encounter, they turned those three topsie turvis ouer the horse tayle, but the whole crew so inuironed them about, that they were forced liuely to leape from off their horses: and betaking them to their swords, backing each other, with such vndauntable valour they defended themselves; as they slew very many of that vnruly multitude, especially one of them, who almost every stroke sent one or other of his assailants, to consort with Pluto in the fiery Phlegethon.

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Phlegethon. These Knights beloued, were Dorosa, Feraro, and Pleudippo, who, as you heard before, staying for the recovery of Feraro, were here overtaken of Pleudippo in this perillous bickering. Pleudippo regarding the great valour of these Knights, thinking to yield them speedy aid, spurred his Palfrey, who feeling the prick, hastning his steppes more swiftly then the winged winde, euen in a thought hee was among them: where entring with his sword downe, hee laid on such satall blowes, that whom soeuer he hit, his strongest armour could not saue his life, so that in a moment of time, he had sent seuen of those discourteous Atheists, to pay their fraught to that Murdrie Ferryman of Stix. Dorosa seeing this new come Knight scorning that his former praises should be eclipsed by the desert of any, redoubled his blowes with such vigour, that wheresoeuer his sword lighted, neither armour nor flesh could repell the force therof. Feraro and Corrius, although they were both sore wounded, likewise behaued themselves very honozably in this horrible conflict, so that by this time more then threescore Tartarians had writ their liues leggend in the Polonian dust: and the Giant Cosmodrill hastning after Pleudippo, was now entred among them, beating downe with his huge spaxe whosoener resisted his puissance. The Tartarians seeing the great fortitude of this furious Cosmodrill, and the vnmatchable valliance of the other Knights, and perceiuing more then halfe of their company to be slaughtred, turned their backs and fled. The Knights not desirous to commit any outragious massacre, suffered them quietly to depart.

CHAP. IX.

After the conflict ended and their enemies vanquished, Dorosa giues Pleudippo vnkowne many thanks, Dorosa craueth to know his name, vpon which they come to know one another, he deliuereth the tokens sent by him from Androgio, the Queene, and Albina, and what hapned further in their trauailes.



Dorosa saying that they were now free from their enemies, comming to Pleudippo he began in this manner: *Worthy knight* (quoth he) seeing you in our deepest distresse haue by your courage ransomed our lines, in that no doubt without your timely ayde, if nat all, yet some of vs had bene comforted with the sea: that wee may the better knowe unto whose desert we are thus deeply indebted, the better hereafter to requite your kindnesse, let me craue your name, and of what Countrey you are.

Sir, quoth Pleudippo, should I denie such a courteous request, to him that is the onely flower of Chivalrie and promise, and with whom I desire further familiarity and friendship, you might rather repulse me foolishly, then accept of my fellowship, and more worthily condemne mee of discourtesie, then commend me for my kindnesse. Know then worthy Sir, my name (which as yet I neuer denied either for feare of falsehood) is called Pleudippo. Dorosa hearing him recite his name, breathed out a sarme fetched sigh: with this Pleudippo breaking off his tale, Sir, quoth he, by the way, let mee request to know the cause which maketh you thus to sigh: nothing quoth Dorosa, but a brother of mine of that name, which long since was made away by Treason. Sir (quoth Pleudippo) though herein

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I may rightly seeme more bold then wise, vpon a sodaine conceit which is euen now entred into my head, let me be so much fauoured by you as to see your face. Dorosa willing to satisfie him in this request, presently lifted vp the beuer of his beame. Pleudippo looking earnestly vpon his face, immediately supposed he saw his owne image, as in a glasse, and being now fully perswaded of that whereof he feare he stood in doubt, taking him in his armes, & here Dorosa (quoth hee) thy brother Pleudippo, for whom thou sighest: one that is more ioyfull of thy presence, then euer thou wert penfins for the losse of his person: how happie was I to trauaile this way, wherein I haue found him after whom, and in search of whom I would haue compassed the Globe of the earth: and no lesse happy was I in coming to thee at his dangerous and vnaccustomed time: and with that he lifted vp his helme.

Dorosa, who all this while stood amazed at this vnerpected god newes, now seeing his face, and by his former speeches being assured it was hee, embracing him in his armes he was so ouer-ioyed that he held him fast, not being able to utter one word.

Feraro and Corrillus seeing this dumbe shew, approached to them to see what suddaine ioy had thus surprized their senses. No sooner were they come, but Dorosa taking Corrillus by the hand, see Corrillus quoth he, who in this skirmish is luckily arriued to our comfort. Corrillus gazing vpon his face, is not this (quoth he) the noble Pleudippo your lost brother: hee is the same replied Dorosa: Oh blessed fortune (quoth Corrillus) that after such sorrowe of discontent hath kindly conducted mee into their company, whose losse hath bene the onely cause of my extream care. Then againe Dorosa declaring to Pleudippo who Corrillus was, they in like manner with all kindnesse embraced each other, and Feraro vnderstanding this knight to be Dorosacs brother, and not second to him in prouewre and magnanimitie, being glad of the societie
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of such loue-bozne Partialists, with like content applauded their fortunate meeting.

Now to continue their no meane ioyes, Pleudippo taking forth the King Androgio his Letter, and Albinaes King and Handkerchiefe, deliuered the same to Dorosa, and therewithall not forgetting the Kings, Quenes, and Albinaes commendations to Feraro, he afterward declared all the accidents of Hungaria, the manner of the Combat, the extreame hazard of the Princeesse, his conquest of the Grant, Mordenos execution, and confession, the exceeding ioy of the King and Quene, with the generall plaudities of all the Nobles: and lastly, how the King of his free bounty had created him Duke of Bozenna, leaving no point of all those matters vncearfed. Now beloued, in what manner these Princes had their soules surprised with sweet content, it is impossible for the most eloquent tongue to vtter, much more for my rude, and more then halfe wearied penne, in any reasonable order to expresse: but these vnaccustomed ioyes being thus in the full, they all hauing dressed their wounds, passed forward on their iourney, which with large discourses of their former fortunes, they so delightfully wasted, that within short time they were quietly come to the Towne of Belcar, which was within foure leagues of the Citie of Cattay, where both the Kings Court and Campe lay: whither these warlike Princes and Grant being come, vnderstanding this Towne to be already in subiection of their enemies, and kept anely by a band of Puscouians, they determined to enter sodainly in at the gates, and set vpon them, and if they preuailed in this conflict, to keepe themselves there close, vntill such time as the maine Armies were ioined together: or at least heard further newes out of the Citie. In this determination, Dorosa and Pleudippo hastning befoze Feraro, Corrillus, and Cosmodrill, came to the gate which they found open, yet garded by a Watch of tenne Puscouians; Dorosa demaunded of the Watchmen, if they

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they two being knights errant, might haue quiet lodging within the Towne: yes (quoth the Watch-men) so be it you will take your oathes to ayd and assist the graund Muscouian, and the mighty Doroko of Tartaria, in their warres against the Polonian King. Marres (quoth Pleudippo) tush, there is nothing can please vs better: and with this, spurring his Balfrey, he sprung in at the gate, and with his Launce thrust him that made this answer in such sort through the body, that he fell dead to the earth: and Dorosa entring after him, serued another in the same sort: which the rest seeing, came all eight vpon them, but little preuailed their weapons, for at five strokes five of them lay weltering in their owne blood, and the other three seeing their fellows haue such sound payment, fled forth into the Towne, and one being vpon the wall, seeing this sodaine slaughter, sounded a Drum. Now by this time was Ferraro, Corillus, and Cosmodrill come within the Towne. And the Muscouians hearing this sodaine Alarm, with all their troupe pressed toward the gate. Cosmodrill seeing them not above two hundred, and there-withall before him in the streete, alighted from his weartied horse, and taking his iron Mace in his hand, Worthe Princes (quoth hee) stand backe a while, and breath, and see how poore Cosmodrill can weald his weapon among the rankes of his enemies. With this stepping forward he entertained the Muscouians in such sort, as hee sometime beat downe two, sometime three, and sometime five or sixe at a stroke, and alwayes so many as came within his reach. The Princes beholding this great force of the Gyant, they all admired at his puissance, and Pleudippo protested, if Fortune had not fauoured him in his attempt, hee might well haue combated with him, but neuer conquered him. Some were the Muscouians more then halfe slaine, and the other despairing of victorie, turned their backs and fled: which Dorosa seeing, spurring his Balfrey, in the turning of a hand hee was

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was got befoze them to the other gate, where kaping the same, he encountered them so rudely: and Pleudippo, Ceraro and Corillius, followed after them so eagerly, that within lesse then a quarter of an houre, there was none left that could complaine of his payment.

Thus having dispatched their enemies, they searched about in the houses, to see if any more of them were lurking in their denries. Thus searching about, at length they found one which had a hurt in his legge, by reason whereof hee could not come into this skirmish with the other. This fellow seeing them enter, falling vpon his knees, humbly entreated them to saue his life. Fellow (quoth Ceraro) declare vnto vs at large all the euents that hath already happened in these warres, and in what state both the Polonians and enemies now remaine, with what forces they haue on either side, and thou shalt not only saue thy life, but if thou prove faithful, shalt no way reape any further damage. For the conquerours (quoth he) in these warres already past, there haue bene fought two maine battailes, besides many other skirmishes: in both which the Polonians haue had the foile, and with great losse haue bene forced to retire within their walles: the strength of the mighty Dorok is full fifty thousand, among which are seuen in offierre and euell Gyants: and the graine Dukes Armie is full fourescore thousand strong: the Polonians, as it is supposed, are not aboue forty thousand, and they very sore wearied, and many of them already hurt: but now this other day is the Parquette of Rino, with twentie thousand Dragonians arined to their ayde, and this is their whole strength. Now vpon Thursday next, they haue appointed the third field, in which if the Polonians loie the victory, it is not possible for them any longer to resist our forces. The Princes hearing this, purposed to refresh themselves within this Towne, until both Armies were ioyned, and then sodainly to set vpon their enemies.

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CHAP. X.

Of the great battaile betweene the Tartarians and Polonians, and how by the meanes of *Dorosa*, *Plendippo*, *Foparo*, *Corrillus* and *Cosmodrill*, the Polonians obtained the victory, and of the great slaughter of the Tartarians.



Thus they continued untill the day assigned for the fight; which was no sooner come, but these knights managing their Armbell-like Counters, they take their way toward the Citie of Cattay; and being come within two miles, they well perceined by the Alarm of Drum and Trumpet, that the Commanders had already joined their forces: thus hasting forward with their winde winged Steeds, they immediately espied how the Armies were met, and joyned in battaile in two places: the Tartarians and Aragonians encountring each other, and the Polonians and Polonians in sharpe and cruel dickering. The Princes seeing this, were in doubt which way to take: but *Dorosa* remeinbring the old prouerbe, *Non sapit qui non sibi sapit*, thought it best for him to aid his own Country men and Subjects. And with this they all rushed upon their enemies, keeping themselves close to succour each other, in all ensuing dangers, overthrowing and beating downe horse and men to the ground, whosoever came in their way, sending whole Miriads of those barbarous Tartarians, to accompany Pluto in his infernall Region, and eternizing their names throught the haughtinesse of their valours: now begunne the battaile to be fierce and cruell, every one striving to excell the other by their resolute endeavours: on the other side the Tartarian

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rian Gyants being placed in the forefront of the battaile, wrought great damage to the Aragonians, daunting their courages in such sort with their mighty strokes, that they were nothing forward to encounter their assailants, which Pleudippo seeing, willing Cosmodrill to attend by on him, they two leaving Dorosa, Feraro and Corillus, fetching their circumference, entered among the Aragonians: and Pleudippo seeing one of the Tartarian Gyants which made great slaughter, he set his speare to his rest, and with an high voice crying, out Aragonia, Aragonia, he encountred this Gyant with such puissance, that at the first stroke he fell dead to the earth. Cosmodrill following his Lord at a pinch, laide on such heauie loads, that the Tartarians were glad on all sides to free his passage: this stirred up such courage among the Aragonians, that they pressed on so fast upon their enemies, that they not able to sustaine their strokes, were forced to giue ground. And Dorosa kept such haucke among them on the other side, making such a lane among their routes, that Pleudippo and hee were almost met together in the midde of the field: where being encountred with one of the Gyants, which guarded the mighty Dorokoes person, at the third stroke hee sealed him such a passport, that his soule might quietly haue his passage to the Diuell without any contradiction; and going forward, ioynd with Doroko himselfe, whom hee had there slaine, had he not bene presently ayded by two other Gyants, and great ranks of other knights and souldiours, which pressed upon him with great violence. Feraro very valiantly set upon one of these Gyants, whom after a long and cruell bickering he in the end slew. By this time was the Gyant Cosmodrill got through his enemies, vnto the place where Dorosa was thus fighting: and seeing one of the Gyants make a blow at him, before the same was lighted, stricke him in such sort, that both his helme and head were battered in peeces: yea, Dorosa, Pleudippo, Feraro, Cosmodrill
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and Corriilus, this day so proued their valours vpon the carriages of their enemies, that all the earth was mantled with a scarlet dye, and one could scarce moue his foete, but he was readie to treade vpon the slaughtered body of one or other. Thus remained the battaile with such crueltie all this day, that of the Tartarians were slaine, foure Gyants, and full thirtie thousand Knights and Houldiours: and of the Aragonians were slaine onely three thousand. Now the Sunne declining fast toward the Ancipides, shrouding himselfe with his wearied horses in the West, the Tartarians feeling themselves not able any longer to endure the furie of this fight, turned their backs and fled, recovering them selues within the Spusconian ranches: but by this time Olympus shadowed with the night blacke curtaine, enforced these warriors to leaue their wearied weapons, and with-holde their hands from committing any further massacre. The King of Poland this day was sore dismayed, hauing slaine in his host full tenne thousand: but knowing once the discomforture of the Tartarians, hee reputed his losse the lesse, in that of his enemies were slaine full foure score one, beside foure of the Gyants had this day ended their lines. Now the enemies being retired to their Campe, the Tartarians protested among themselves, that these strange knights were Diuels, or some infernall furies, which in the likenesse of men contended with them this day for the Palme of victorie. Now the Polonians and Aragonians being entred into the Citie, and among them these unknowne Partialists, who being entred, toke vp their lodging at an Inne, determining not to goe to the Court without the Kings requesting. Now no longer was the Polonian King and Aragonian Generall met at the Palace, but the Parquette immediately declared the high prouewell and magnanimitie of the strange knights, and how with them entred a most huge and terrible Gyant, affirming them (as the truth was) to be the chiefe cause

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of their so fortunate success, greatly admiring what they should be, in that they rather succoured the *Aragonians*, then the *Polonians*.

CHAP. XI.

How the King after the battaile was ended sendeth for the five strangers, and how the next day they came to the Court, & of their kind entertainment: how *Pleudippo* fell in loue with *Lucibella*, & *Feraro* with *Flermia*, and how the *Marquesse* of *Rino* knew *Corrillus*.



When the king had heard these speeches, (being very loath that such honourable and worthy Champions should so want of a kind entertainment abandon his Countrey, especially in this time of his so great necessities (commanded sundry of his most worthy Knights, diligently to search them out wheresoener they were lodged, and courteously in his name to intreat them to come to the Court. These Knights when they had a while enquired, at length finding them out, after kinde saluting them, according to their charge earnestly requested them to goe with them to the Court. The Princes by reason of their wearinesse and wounds which were not yet dressed, desired the messengers in their behalfe humbly to craue his Graces pardon for that night, faithfully promising the next day to attend vpon his person, as his most dutifull seruants, and as such as had vowed their lines in the defence of his estate and person.

The Knights being returned to the King, declared at large the whole effect of their charge: and quoth one of them, these are almost equall of an age, the eldest of them being not aboue foure and twenty yeeres of age, being also

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as beautifull and well accomplisht Gentlemen as euer I beheld. And surely quoth another of them, there is two of them so like as they must needs be brethren, and in my opinion both of them in fauour so much resemble the excellent and beautifull Lady Flermia, as they must needs be either of her kin, or else appointed specially by fauour & patronage to help her whom they so much resembled, and to the youngest of those two is the great Giant a dutifull & obedient seruant. These speeches bred great admiration in the King and all his Nobles, and great longing in Flermia and Lucibella to haue a sight of these vnconquerable gallants. After this they all seated themselves to supper, & after ward spending some time in talke, every one departed to bed.

Now the next day being come, these Princes being mindfull of their euening promise, attiring themselves in the best manner they could, taking their swords onely with them, they passed through the Citie along toward the Court: Dorosa and Feraro going before, and Pleudippo and Corrius after, and behind Pleudippo followed the Giant Cosmodrill bearing his shield. Thus in seemely equipage marched they through the Cittie toward the Kings Palace, where being once come within the great Court-yard, they presently met Lucibella and Flermia, attended on by a braue companie of Courtly Ladies. Pleudippo fixing his eyes vpon Lucibella, was diuined into a maze at the excellent feature of her person, and Feraro looking vpon Flermia, was almost raniſhed with the splendour of her surpassing beauty. The Ladies not being yet right against them, perceiving how earnestly they gazed on their beauties, couered their Snow-white faces with such a vermillion dye, as Aurora gracing the orient with her bluer brightnesse, seemed not halfe so glorious. The Princes coming against them, with a courteous demeanour toward them passed along, and being once past the Ladies desirous to haue some further knowledge of these aduenturous gallants, returned backe to heare and
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Understand their conference with the King and *Pables*.

The King hauing intelligence of their coming, arose forth with from his royall seat, and came to meete them in the Hall, where hauing entertained them with Courtly imbracings, the *Marquesse* of *Rino* looking vpon *Dorosa* and *Plendippo*, he supposed he saw the liuely image of the deceased *Fragosa*: as he was in this dilemma, he cast his eyes vpon *Corrillus*, whom he perfectly knew: then coming to him, with friendly amitie, he imbracing him in his armes, greatly reioycing at their so happie meeting, began thus. *Worthy friend*, I pray you from whence are these worthy Knights your companions, in whom appeareth the very fauour of our lost *Princes*, and a true may of that magnanimitie which was in olde *Fragosa*. Truly quoth *Corrillus* they are not the likenesse, but the very substance, and rightly may we say, *Qualis Pater, talis filius*: for they doe not onely resemble him in prouesse and valour, but in all other perfections of nature. And with this he declared vnto him all the manner of their meetings.

CHAP. XII.

How after more talking the *Marquesse* of *Rino* would haue crowned *Dorosa* King of *Aragon* in *Polonia*, which he denied, of the meeting of faire *Flermja* and her brethren, & the ioy was made: how the *Muscovian* Duke gathered a new supply, & sent defiance to the *Polonian* King, who pointed a day for another battell.



The *Marquesse* by his owne iudgement approving these speeches for truth, remitt with extreme content at this happy event, with apparant signes of ioy came to *Dorosa*, and as to his *Roy* and *Soueraigne*, humbling himselfe vpon
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his kinde. ~~W~~orthie Prince (quoth he) whose losse hath bene almost the ruine of all Hungaria, and the onely discontent that hath disturbed our quiet, whom seeing it hath pleased the Destinies to preserve, I will not onely resigne my title of graund Generall, into your Highnesse hands, but here immediatly set the Diadem vpon your head, and proclaime you King. Dorosa receiuing him in his armes, God friend (quoth he) as for the Crowne of Aragon, seeing it is allotted me by Fate, I will not any wayes refuse, bowing to you by the faith of a Prince, that Donvallo was neuer so cruel, but Dorosa wil euer shew himselfe as kind. The King by these speeches fully vnderstanding what they were, came againe, and with excedding content receiued him in his armes, and while the King was thus embracing Dorosa, Pleudippo and the Marquesse grated each other, with such an extasie of ioy, that they were not able to speake.

Now these tydings being carried vnto the Quene, she surpassing them all in content, issued forth of her Chamber, and comming to her Nephewes, with the teares of ioy falling from her eyes, embraced them severally in her armes, bestowing many of her friendly kisses vpon their Princely chokes. This done, Flermia in the depth of her soules content, with a most kinde and Courtly behauiour, came and saluted her bryethen. And Lucibella squalling the rest in ioy for their so happy actiuall, and hauing her inward soule already inuicigled vpon the perfections of Pleudippo, approached toward him, and hee hauing his senses almost benumbed with beholding this Sunne-bright Paragon, receiued her in his armes with an encounter of high delicacie, their armes locking together their lips, and from their lips, interchangeably breathing their soules into each others bosoms. But now while these persons were yet luld in their new augmenting delight: word was brought vnto the King that the Bulconian Duke had a new supply of twentie thousand
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Shouldours approaching nigh, to ioyne to his former forces. And while the Boast was yet speaking, a Herald entred the Wall, which the King seeing, he with the Princes and all the rest of the Nobles, seated themselves to heare the effect of this unexpected message. They being set, the Herald with a sterne countenance vttered these speeches. King of Poland, the graund Duke, and mighty Doroko, senseth thee this word, that thou immediatly send them those Ladies for whom they maintaine these warres, or else within thye daies to ioyne with them againe in battaile: both which if thou deny, they solemnly protest to send for such innumerable multitudes of new supplies, that all the ground in Polonia shall be but sufficient to containe their troupes. Now (quoth he) let me heare thine answer, that I may certifie them that sent me, of thy intent. The King hauing well regarded his speeches, being encouraged by the ayde of his new come kinsmen, replyed in this manner: Then know that for the first I absolutely deny: but as for the second, although we dread not their daunting & proud threats, yet in that we will not giue them liberty to lie lurking in our Countrey to annoy our subjects, let them provide them one day sooner: sure (quoth the Herald) the sooner the better, why then (quoth the King) let them expect vs in the field within these two daies at the furthest.

CHAP. XIII.

How the King of Poland caused *Dorosa* to be crowned King of Aragon: how *Feraro* made his loue knowne to *Dorosa*, and hee to his sister *Flermia*, and found her very willing: how messengers were dispatcht the next morning, as well to treat of the marriage of *Dorosa* with *Albina*, as *Feraro* with *Flermia*: how *Lusibella* fell extreemely in loue with *Plendippa*, and hee with her.

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NOW these speeches past, the Sun now
 halting toward the Meridian line, the
 King, Princes and Nobles all seated
 themselves to dinner: which being
 ended, Dorosa was by sound of
 Trumpet proclaimed King of Ara-
 gon, receiving homage of the Mar-
 quesses and all the Aragonian Nobles there present. This
 finished, Feraro seeing the heats of his conceived amours,
 to augment, coming to Dorosa, and taking him by the
 hand, he fell into these tearmes. ~~Worthy~~ King, and my
 most louing companion, and faithful friend: what the effe-
 ctuall cause of my coming hither hath bene, I need not a-
 ny further declare, in that the same is sufficiently knowne
 vnto your person, and seeing the Lady is one whom you
 may not shely by brotherly amity admonish, but also by
 regall authority command, let me (of all former friendship)
 entreate you first to giue her knowledge of my intent, and
 after to procure the means that I may freely impart my
 minde vnto her person. Dorosa seeing Feraro thus impa-
 tient of delay, went immediately to his sister, whom after
 much perswasion, and some priuate conference betwene
 themselves, he found so forward, that they concluded the
 next morning to send Corillus, and with him two other
 Nobles of Aragonia in Ambassage, as well to treat of the
 loues of Dorosa and Albina, as to parly of the marriage
 betwene Feraro and Flermia: and with this immediately
 gaue them their charge, to be gone the next morning with
 all expedition. Thus this day passing away, the Lady Lu-
 cibella hauing already the Characters of loue stamped in
 her heart, shew leauing the company, went into her Cham-
 ber, where being not able to euaporate the clouds which
 thickened her spirit, casting her selfe vpon her bed, she fell
 into these tearmes.

Lucibella, what vnaccustomed tortures doe thus tor-
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ment thy soule: what vulture gnawing thoughts molest
thy minde: or what vnsupportable passions alienate thy
sences from their former content: Fould *March*, gazing
against the starre of thy mishap, thou art fallen into a La-
boxinth of perplexitie, and art there like to perish in the
depth of thy dispaire. Alas *Lucibella*, as the strong poy-
son *Antimonium* being but chased in the hand, pierceth at
length to the heart, or the hearbe *Arras*, being helde be-
twixt the fingers, causeth soyle with a heat throughout all
the body: so thy loue being but entertained at the eye, doth
sodainely and secretly diue downe into thy breast, and so
with an Ocean of passions disturbeth all thy senses. Oh
deceitfull Fortune, *Mutabilior Proteo*, standing vpon the
Weathercocks of Time, constant in nothing but inconstan-
tencie: was it not sufficient that I was already terrified
with the terrour of warres, disturbed with the tumultu-
ous iarrs of these cursed onemies, and disquieted with the
continual destruction, and great slaughter of my Country-
men and friends, but thou must yet inslate a new punish-
ment worse then they all: Unhappy *Lucibella*, why are
the Destinies so vnequal allotters of mishap, as to appoint
thy youth (which to others is an Autumne of ioy) to thee a
trouperous Winter of extremes sorrow: Well, let this
 suffice, that thou art one whom Fortune hath set on the
variable points of her Compass, and art only bozne vnto
all mishap, like to *Prous* to thy father and to *Cassay*, as *Pa-
ris* did to *Priam* and that vnfortunate *Citie*, and with the
Carthagenian *Quens* like to ruinate thy life through the
vnspokeable passions of *Loues* martydomme. With this
saying by her Lute, she warbled out this Sonnet.

DEepe discontent deprives my ioy,
Sad soule, sick thoughts, augment annoy,
Endlesse Despaire, is Nurse of cares,
And woes impale my heart with feares,
Languishing still with sighes and teares.

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Amids this Chaos of my harmes,
Cupid comes in with Loues alarmes :
In sorrowes seeme to act his part,
He blindly shoots his poysoned dart,
Piercing therewith my pensive hart.

Thou sea-borne Queene command thy sonne
For to release my martyrdome,
And I will sacrifice to thee
Incense and Turtle Doues with glee,
With branch of sweetest mirtle Tree.

Cupid thou Eluish petty God,
Redresse my sences thus at odde,
And I will offer at thy Shrine
Faire spotted Kids, and milke-white Kine,
With haire more soft then silken twine.

If in this suite I nought preuaile,
Let equall passions him assaile,
That fettered fast in Fancies chaine.
We may assuage each others paine,
And both our hearts in one remaine.

This Madrigall being ended, Lucibella (intending though she could not satisfie her selfe with present hope of the fruition of Pleudippoes person, yet to glut her eyes with gazing upon the excellencie of his supernaturall perfections) came forth of her Chamber to consume the rest of the euening in conference with these renowned Princes, and in some sweete party with Flermia and the rest of her Ladies.

CHAP. XIII.

How Pleudippo being in an extasie of loue, hee and his seruant Cosmodrill went priuatly into the Tartarians Camp, and there slew many; and how by his meanes the Muscouians and Tartarians fell together by the eares, and slaughtered one another: afterward hee returned to the Court wounded, also how Lucibella and he continued their loue and were betrothed, and vpon the comming thither of the King of Hungaria, the Princes Dorosa and Albina, and Feraro and Flermia, and Pleudippo and Lucibella were all married on a day, and of other things that endeth the Storie.



Now the Sunne being descended toward the Westerne world, denying any longer light, with his transplendant rayes to their Orientall clime; euery one taking their congree of each other, they all departed into their severall Chambers: where Pleudippo being entred, feeling his heart drawne by the attractiue vertue of Lucibellaes eyes: and hauing her pourtraiture mozelinely engrauen in his minde, then any sozme may be insculped vpon mettall or marble, being thus in his affectionate conceites, he seated himselfe vpon his bed: thus sitting a good while, tormenting his heart with thoughts, and his thoughts with loue, still meditating vpon his diuine Spikrosse: at length he fully determined to act something worthy of her fauour and fathers consent, or else to cut the bottail threed of his life. In this determination calling Cosmodrill his Wage, arming themselves, they two secretly in the silent of the night passed along the streets untill they came to a gate which Pleudippo had espied before: and opening

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opening the same, they went quietly along, untill they came to the Puscouians Campe, where they found the Watches a sleepe vpon the earth. Thus with a quiet pace passed they along, untill they came at the graund Dukes Tent, the entrance whereof they found garded with tennemen and a Grant, the Grant saw a sleepe, and all the other waking, they comming vpon them in such furious maner, that at two blowes the cruell Cosmodrill taught fire of them uch a bloudie Letanie, that they neuer after needed any weapons for the defence of their lines. The Grant hearing this stir, as he was rouzing himselfe, Pleudippo stricke him in such sort, that he parted both his helme and head by an equall deuision. And while Cosmodrill garded the entrance, hee going forth into the Tent, found the graund Duke with three of his chiefe Warres, being amazed at this sodaine noise, arising out of their beds, then did Pleudippo so euer they could reconer their weapons, send to Charon to prouide passage for the whole multitude. By this time was there such a shouting of the mightiest Souldiers, that all the Armie betooke themselves to their weapons. And being amazed at this sodaine Alarm, they all pressed toward the Dukes Tent vpon Pleudippo and Cosmodrill, who with such valour defended themselves, that they which came within their reach, had neuer after any neede of the Chirurgion: and the out-rankes not knowing the cause of these out-cries, pressed on so fast, thronging one another in such sort in the darke, that they all confusedly on heapes fell to warres among themselves, so that within lesse then an houre by the baliancie of Pleudippo and Cosmodrill, and by their owne mangling and killing one another, there was full twenty thousand of them slaine. Now the Tartarians hearing this clattering of armour and gaskly cries among the Puscouians, all marched forward toward their Camp: but comming nigh, they perceiued such an Ocean of bloud to ouerflow the earth, that daunted with extreame feare, they turned their
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backes and fled. Now as they were thus in their flight, the new supply of *Pusconians* being within a mile of the maine Armie, and hearing these Alarms, drew forward with their troupes: meeting with the *Tartarians*, the *Tartarians* being all together amazed with feare, thinking that they had there bene beset with their enemies; with all their force rushed vpon them, so that in like manner betwixt the *Tartarians* and *Pusconians* began another most sharpe and cruell battaile. *Pleudippo* and *Cosmodrill* being very sore wounded and wearied, seeing the *Pusconians* thus slaughtering one another in this confused order, and perceiving the day to approach, got out from among them, and departed toward the Citie. Now the Watch men vpon the walles, hearing these tumultuous iarres and great hurly burly in the *Pusconian* Camp, they ranne in all hast to the Palace; where forthwith they made knowne to the King, Princes, and Nobles, what cruell discorde they supposed among their enemies: vpon this euery man arising from their beds, they all prepared themselves to Armes: now being assembled together, they missed *Pleudippo* and his Page, *Dorosa* seeing them missing, presently imagined, that his brother thinking to gaine the *Palme* of victorie, was with *Cosmodrill* entered vntwares into the Campe. This conceite being once in his braine, he sodainly rushed out of the Citie, commanding the *Parquette* to follow after with the *Aragonian* Armie, for my mind beginneth me (quoth he) that *Pleudippo* and his Page haue thus disquieted the enemies Campe, and how can they but be in most great danger? with this posting on his way, hee had not rode full a quarter of a mile, but he espied *Pleudippo* and *Cosmodrill* retiring toward the Citie, so wearie with their warlike endeauours, and faint with their exceeding expence of blood, that they could scarce stand vpon their legges. *Dorosa* seeing this, fearing their immediate ensuing death, he alighted of his horse, and got *Pleudippo* vpon his backe, he

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himselfe going by on foote : and although he sawe Pleudippo in this bodily hazard, yet angry that he was not partaker in this action, Brother (quoth he) thought you your selfe so strong, that you needed not our ayde : or were you so curious, that you scorned any should be reputed so valiant as your selfe, that you would deale thus unkindly, not to accept of our company. Pleudippo being so faint, that hee could scarce speake; requested his brother to hold himselfe content, in that his honour was already sufficient, both by his obtained conquest against the Turke, and his great valour shewed the day afoze against the Tartarians : and having now (quoth he) obtained the Diademe, and further fully expect the speedy fruition of your loue, what neede you thus strictly stand vpon any such point? By this time they being come into the Citie, the King exceedingly sorrie to see them thus fearfully martired, sending for his owne Chirurgians, commanded them with all diligence to shew their greatest skill vpon his Nephew and the Gyant. Dorosa this while thinking to finde the enemies out of order, issued forth with all the Aragonians to set vpon them at vnawares : but being come to the Camp, they found nothing but their naked Tents, the field flowing with an Ocean of blood, and many thousand of dead carcases floating in the same. Dorosa and the rest being conuinc'd with heavinesse at this gashly sight, they all returned backe vnto the Citie, where having certified the King of this so great confusion, the King, Dorosa, Ferraro, and the Marquesse of Kino, went all together into Pleudippoes Chamber, where they found the Chirurgion searching his wounds, which although they found very dangerous, yet not mortall; which the King hearing, caused great Triumphes to be made, and other signes of ioy for this so fortunate an end of these so deadly full warres.

Then comming to Pleudippo : Dares Cousin (quoth hee) wherewith shall wee be able to requite you desert :

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our whole Dominions could not be sufficient querdon for the same. Good Uacle (quoth Pleudippo) the very kindnesse of your speeches is so great a reward for my simple desert, that let this suffice, that untill the latestt houre of my life, I will be alwaies ready to adventure my selfe in a far more dangerous conflict, either in the defence of your Maiesty or Kingdome. These speeches being ended, they all departed his Chamber, leaving Pleudippo to his Chirurgions care.

Now the Sun being risen, the Quene, Lucibella and Flermia, comming out of their Chambers, and hearing of their foes vanquishment by the valoz of Pleudippo and his Page, they reioyced greatly at this long desired event, but hearing on the other side, in what danger of death he remained, the remembrance of the one hindered the ioy of the other. Thus betwene weale and woe they went all three forthwith to Pleudippoes lodging to visit him. No sooner was Lucibella entred into his chamber, but a vermillion die couered his cheekes, which the Chirurgion espying, conjectured by his outward change of countenance his inward languishment. The Quene and Flermia being comforting Pleudippo, Lucibella calling the Chirurgion to the window, sel to questioning him of the estate of his patient. The Chirurgion stil noting, that although both the Quene and Flermia talked with him, yet his eyes sed onely vpon the face and fauour of Lucibella, surely Madame (quoth he) although I hepe not moztall, yet I hold them very dangerous, and so much the more, in that I find a languishing in the party: and herein (quoth he) if I take not my markes amisse, if you doe not as well play the Physician to his inward discaise, as I the Chirurgion to his outward wounds he will hardly escape with safety.

The Quene and Flermia seeing Pleudippo loath to answer to any of their demands, by reason of the anguish of his new dzest wounds, went to the window to the Chirurgion, which Lucibella seeing, leaving them to their talk, returned to Pleudippo, who fixing his eyes stedfastly vpon

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her, lay still not uttering any word. Lucibella with the yearly tears, rolling from her eyes, taking her by the hand and straining the same tenderly in her clow, standing mute in this manner, at length, sweet cousin (quoth she) what meant you just to hazard your life among this vnruly multitude, to purchase our happiness: how can we balue wth Labris yale sufficient recompence for our obtained safety, or with what kindnesse can we requite your so great desert: Dære Cousin there by your selfe, and let this be your content, though we cannot cōternatize your cost, that we, and especially I for my part, to the bittermost of my power, will be ever ready to requite this your dære atchieued conquest.

Divine Lady (quoth Pleudippo) the comfortable words of whom were sufficient to fetch me from death to life, if it pleaseth you thus gratefully to accept so small a service at his hands who is your holwed servant untill death, may I escape this danger, I shall not only by your fauour be encouraged to vnderfak sarre greater matters but if I finish my daies in any such attempted action, rest contented with my death, dying in the seruice of such exquisite creatures. Praise god Cousin (quoth Lucibella) doe not once speake of your untimely death, lest you adde waile to tortures, then deaths torments, to my troubled soule: then stroking her snow-white hand tenderly vpon his pale chakes, twining his amber coloured lockes with her lilly fingers, there by your selfe (quoth she) and let not any discontent increase the rage of your daies and dangerous wounds, but thinke what may any way alluage your paine, and you shall not faile thereof: let, I say, but Lucibella vnderstand your minde, who will not faile to visite you oft, nor to hazard her owne life to procure your longing. With this the Quene and Elermie comming againe to Pleudippo, they all with prayers for his health, toke their leaue and departed.

So soone were they gone out of the Chamber, but the Chirurgion with earnest oathes of future fidelity, so cunningly vndermined him, as he wholly related his affection.

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